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BRAVERY OF BOER

General, Who Executes a Brilliant Military Movement

AND SUCCEEDS IN ESCAPING

Through the Lines of His British Adversaries With a Loss that Was Remarkably Little.

Bloemfontein, Dec. 23.—The details of Gen. DeWet's escape from the encircling British columns show that it was one of the boldest incidents of the war.

When Hasbroeck's command joined DeWet Dec. 12, some miles east of Thanbanchu, Gen. Knox was only about an hour distant, and the Boer situation appeared desperate. But DeWet was equal to the occasion. Dispatching Hasbroeck westward to make a feint at Victoria Nek, DeWet prepared to break through the British columns at Sprinkhaunek Pass, about four miles of broad, flat, unbroken ground. At the entrance were two fortified posts, while artillery was posted at a hill eastward, watching the Boers.

Suddenly a magnificent spectacle was presented. The whole Boer army of 2500 men started at a gallop in open order through the Nek. President Steyn and Pete Fourie led the charge and DeWet brought up the rear. The British guns and rifles boomed and rattled incessantly. The Boers first tried the westward route, but encountered artillery. They diverged and galloped to the front of the hill to the westward, where the fire of only a single spot was effective.

The whole maneuver was a piece of magnificent daring, and its success was complete in spite of the loss of a fifteen-pounder and twenty-five prisoners. The British force detached after Hasbroeck came in contact with his command at nightfall. The burghers were scattered and the Welch Yeomanry galloped among the retreating Boers, using their revolvers and the butt ends of their rifles with great effect. An incident was the gallop of a British ammunition wagon right through the scattered Boers, the gunners using their revolvers freely.

Favorable to Defense.

Tyler, Tex., Dec. 23.—Federal court convened Friday, Judge Swayne's condition being much improved. Messrs. John Durst and A. P. Moore, who were at one time directors of the First National bank, were on the stand and were put through a long and tedious examination. Their evidence was on the line of other witnesses and was favorable to the defense.

Fifteen boxers were killed in a battle with Gundell's troops.

Instruction Sent.

Washington, Dec. 23.—An instruction has been sent to Mr. Conger at Peking to sign the agreement, which, according to Peking advices, already has been signed by all the other ministers at the Chinese capital. This instruction is sent with some reluctance, because the agreement as it now stands does not completely represent the view of this government.

Many Have Applied.

Ardmore, I. T., Dec. 23.—The monthly report of Tams Bixby, acting chairman of the Dewes commission, has been received at the interior department. Last month about 2900 members of the Cherokee nation have applied for enrollment as citizens. This increases the total to 23,000. Reference is also made to the enrollment of the Creeks in the Indian Territory.

Strike Declared Off.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 23.—The following was given out Friday night:

Committee's Headquarters, Tremont Hotel, Galveston, Tex., Dec. 21.—To members of the O. R. T. and friends of the order: Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad: After a most careful and earnest consideration of the entire situation your committee feels that it is useless to further continue the struggle inaugurated on the line of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway on Dec. 6.

With the causes leading up to the most stubborn fight ever known in the history of our order you are familiar; with the conduct of the campaign you have been kept as faithfully advised as the plans of your committee would permit and if we have failed in our desire to keep you in full touch with the situation it has been from lack of time and facilities, not neglect. We have done our best and only regret that your effort and ours has not brought us the victory which we felt was deserved.

Let no man look back with regret; our destiny lies before, not behind, and the men who for fifteen days made the gallant fight that they have are the men who will wrest from the future that success and prosperity which the present has denied them. Some of our number will suffer loss, some will seek and find better positions than they held, for no railroad employs a more capable or worthy set of men than those who answered the call of our leaders on Dec. 6.

In conclusion, your committee simply desires to add that we individually have felt honored by the steadfast courage and unwavering loyalty which you have given us, and in bidding you a, perhaps, lifelong farewell, we feel truly that we have been associated in this struggle with brethren rather than fellow craftsmen. May God prosper each of you.

Therefore from and after 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, Dec. 22, the Order of Railroad Telegraphers will cease to be in a state of conflict with the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway company. The strike is off.

The statement is signed by the officers of the O. R. T.

Probably Cremated.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 23.—While Virgil Humphreys, colored, living across the river in the Territory, two miles and a half north of Garrett's Bluff, and his family were in the field picking cotton, their house and all its contents were destroyed by fire. The darky's wife was picking in a small patch nearer the house than the others and her 3-year-old child accompanied her. It wandered away and went back to the house. It is supposed to have set the house on fire and perished.

The house where young Cudahy was hid has been located.

Cut Down in Dark.

Portsmouth, Va., Dec. 23.—Cut down in the darkness by a big ocean steamer, the little schooner Emblem, Capt. Geo. B. Marshall, went to the bottom in Hampton Roads shortly before daylight Friday morning. The sailors reached the deck just in time to seize the dory, which was being towed astern, and drenched and shivering made their way to Old Point.

Favors Free Ships.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23.—A reporter asked ex-President Grover Cleveland for his opinion on the ship subsidy bill. He said:

"I cannot enter into the matter, although I recognize its importance. But I might say that I have not arranged my opinions. I favor free ships just as I did when I spoke at the launching of the steamship St. Louis."

RIVERS AND GULF.

Water Interests of Texas Taken Care Of

IN REPORT OF HOUSE COMMITTEE

Delegated to Look Into Such Matters, and a Favorable Vote in Both Houses Will Mean a Great Deal.

Washington, Dec. 22.—These appropriations have been definitely agreed upon for Texas by the house rivers and harbors committee:

1. Galveston harbor \$1,500,000, of which \$500,000 is appropriated in cash and \$1,000,000 authorized upon a continuing contract.

2. Galveston ship channel and Buffalo bayou \$600,000, of which \$300,000 is appropriated in cash and a contract for \$300,000 authorized. This appropriation is to be expended, one half upon division 1 and one-half upon division 2.

3. Trinity river \$750,000, of which \$150,000 is appropriated in cash and a contract for \$600,000 authorized.

4. Aransas Pass \$350,000, all cash, with provision that amount on hand to credit of that harbor be made available on present project.

5. Sabine Pass, cash \$125,000, of which \$25,000 is to be expended for continuing the channel by way of the old town to a connection with the Port Arthur channel.

6. Mouth of Brazos river, cash \$30,000.

7. Brazos river from its mouth to Velasco mouths of adjacent streams, cash \$50,000.

8. Mouth of the Neches and Sabine rivers \$5000.

The above appropriations aggregate \$3,410,000. The appropriation for Galveston harbor is the full estimate of the board of engineers to repair, restore and raise the jetties and cap same with twenty-ton granite blocks, which will be heavy enough to resist any storm.

The appropriation for Buffalo bayou is coupled with a provision for a resurvey and examination of former surveys upon which work has been begun, the re-examination to be made by boards of civil engineers appointed by the president.

The Trinity river appropriation will be applied to the construction of the locks and dams from Dallas to the mouth of the East Fork of the Trinity; one lock and dam at Hurricane shoals and one lock and dam near Riverside, and the cleaning of the river from its mouth to Dallas of overhanging trees and snags.

Hung the Wrong Negro.

New Orleans, Dec. 22.—Henry Lewis the alleged negro murderer of Marshal Richardson, of Gulfport, Miss., has not been caught, though bloodhounds and a posse are still after him. The negro Lewis, killed Thursday by the mob, turns out to have been wholly innocent of the crime.

Treaty Ratified.

Washington, Dec. 22.—After spending the greater part of the last fortnight in considering the Hay-Pauncefote treaty for the modification of the Clayton-Bulwer convention of 1850, the senate consumed only one hour and ten minutes in amending it and ratifying it as amended. During the time there were six roll calls and several viva voce votes. The first five of the roll calls were on amendment offered by individual senators and the last one on the resolutions to ratify the treaty as amended. All the amendments except those reported by the committee on foreign relations were voted down by majorities averaging about nineteen.

Senator Jones will not resign as chairman of the national Democratic committee.

Taken to Dallas.

Corsicana, Tex., Dec. 22.—Following the exciting scene in the district court room Wednesday during the preliminary stages of the trial of Anderson Norris, charged with the murder of Mrs. James L. French, excitement became so high that a large force of special deputy sheriffs was sworn in and the situation was wired to Gov. Sayers, who, Thursday morning ordered the two companies of militia here out. The Garitty Rifles were on duty at the jail early Thursday morning before court opened, and at 10 o'clock the Corsicana Light Horse was called out. It had been reported that an attempt would be made to take the negro from the jail, and excited crowds of men about the court house gave some color to this report.

When court convened Thursday morning counsel for the negro moved that the case be continued until the next term of court, charging that with the minds of the people in their present condition no fair trial could be had. The motion set forth the attempt made to get the negro out of the hands of the court Wednesday, and said such declarations had been made in the presence of the jury that no fair trial before the jury selected could be had.

Judge Cobb sustained the motion and ordered the sheriff to summon the militia, the police force and all good citizens, if necessary, to protect the prisoner. The negro was then taken to jail and strongly guarded until 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, when he was, under the escort of two military companies and twenty-five deputy sheriffs, taken to the Central railroad north of the depot and put aboard a train and taken to Dallas for safekeeping. There was present at the railroad a big crowd of people, but no demonstration was made.

The militia and all the deputy sheriffs have been relieved from duty and the situation is quiet.

Not Necessarily a Brute.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The West Point military appropriation, carrying \$700,151.88, was passed. There was no debate at all on the bill, although Mr. Bailey (Dem.) of Texas suggested that some legislation to prevent hazing ought to be enacted, and said: "I do not believe it is necessary to make a man a brute to be made into a soldier."

Mr. Shattuck (Rep.) of Ohio inquired if "the bill contained any appropriation to supply the academy tobacco sauce."

Sues Three Roads.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Annie Reed brought suit against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe and St. Louis Southwestern railways for \$30,000 damages, alleging that she was seriously and permanently injured at Garland in a collision while a passenger on a Missouri, Kansas and Texas train that was struck by a St. Louis Southwestern train using the track of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway.

Ex-Attorney General MacVeigh is not in accord with the president on the Porto Rican case.

Nipped in the Bud.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 22.—A bold attempt at jail delivery was discovered Thursday night. Jailer Bennet received a tip that the prisoners were planning to cut through the bars by saws made from steel springs taken from the soles of their shoes. A watch was instituted when the sounds of sawing were heard, with the result that the ring leaders are now in solitary confinement.

The Alaska negotiations have not yet begun.

A terrible storm has been raging in Costa Rica.

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TO BE DEMANDED.

What the Powers Will Probably Insist Upon

AS THE CONDITIONS REQUISITE

To Having the Powers Sign a Treaty With the Flowery Kingdom and Thereby Bring Final Peace.

Washington, Dec.—The following are the demands to be made on China:

The Chinese peace envoys will be given a reasonable time within which to consider the demands and then will follow the formal negotiations for the settlement of the peace terms.

Officials here still decline to make public the text of the note agreed upon, but it is believed the following points cover it:

The punishment of the officials guilty of the boxer outrages.

The payment of indemnity for the wrongs inflicted by the boxers to the persons, corporations and societies which have suffered.

The revision of commercial treaties.

Some reform in the tsung li yamen so that the ministers having business with the foreign office may transact it more expeditiously and with a responsible head. A monument to Baron von Kettler, the German minister, who was killed in Peking, and the appointment of a prince of royal blood to proceed to Germany to make formal apology to the emperor for the crime.

The right to keep a legation guard in Peking if this is desired.

The exclusion of candidates for office for a certain number of years in the case of those who may be guilty of anti-foreign activity.

An interdiction of importation of arms into China and of material to be used exclusively in the manufacture of arms. The taking of measures to prevent future trouble. Some modification, it is believed, was made to the proposed dismantling of forts so that hereafter there will be nothing of this character that will prevent ready access to the legations in Peking.

On Democracy.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 21.—Former President Cleveland contributes to this week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post of Philadelphia an extended article on the plight of the Democracy and the remedy.

Mr. Cleveland begins by reviewing the history of the party, and he discusses its defeats since 1864 in detail. In taking up the question of the present situation of the Democracy, he says the party victory in 1892 was so decisive that a long continuance of its supremacy was anticipated. Then came "the fallacy of free silver and Populism."

Was Denied.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 21.—The writ of habeas corpus asked for by Mayor Kelly of South Omaha was denied by Judge Baxter in the district court. Kelly must now stand trial in the criminal court on a charge of having received bribe money at the hands of Omaha and other breweries as an inducement to permit the saloons of South Omaha to remain open all night and Sundays. Mayor Kelly will now give the bond required by the court.

Serious Trouble.

New York, Dec. 21.—Serious trouble exists in Venezuela, and according to a cablegram received by D. Andrews, vice-president of the National Asphalt company, the situation is extremely desperate as regards Americans.

The cablegram, which was sent by a representative of the National Asphalt company, which has extensive interests in Venezuela, is urgent in its appeal for immediate action by the United States.

Will Take No Part.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 21.—The committee representing the engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen of the Santa Fe railway system declared that they would not advise a strike in sympathy with the telegraphers. The committee issued the following statement:

"As members of the committee representing the engineers, firemen and trainmen on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway, we wish to say that at the request of the telegraphers we have endeavored to bring about a satisfactory settlement of the difference between the railway company and the telegraphers. After a careful and thorough investigation of the causes that led to the controversy, and after listening to the statements of the telegraphers and also to statements from Mr. Barr, third vice-president of the road, we wish to say to the public, as well as to the members of the different organizations which we represent, that while we regret that we were not able to bring about a settlement between the telegraphers and railroad company, we wish to advise the members of the organizations represented by us that the labors of the committee are completed and the attitude of our members will be neutral during the existence of the present controversy. Our meeting with Mr. Barr was a pleasant one, he expressing a desire to maintain friendly relations with labor organizations as long as they were conducted on business principles."

Martin Dolphin, president of the O. R. T., who arrived in Chicago Wednesday, would not talk on the result of the conference except to say that the strike would be continued.

Members of the committee representing the other organizations said that their attitude might have been different had they been consulted previous to the calling of the strike.

Vice-President Barr refused to discuss the outcome of the conference.

Favorable Report.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator Money, from the committee on foreign relations, reported favorably to the senate a bill to provide for the equitable distribution of the waters of the Rio Grande river between the United States and Mexico. A violation of the act will constitute a misdemeanor. The secretary of state is authorized to consummate a treaty with Mexico to regulate the impounding and distribution of the waters of the Rio Grande.

Dallasites Elated.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 21.—Trinity river advocates are elated to-day over the news contained in a special dispatch from Washington to the effect that the report of the Rivers and Harbors committee will recommend that \$750,000 be appropriated to begin the improvements of this waterway from Dallas to the gulf. The importance of this announcement is realized by all business men who desire that Dallas should have water rates and take her place as an important basing center, and thus be on a footing with Kansas City, St. Louis, etc., as it means that a place so blessed will be in a position to move forward with rapid strides and be able to attain possibilities which could not be thought of without a navigable stream to the coast and to the world.

The senate passed a bill making Congressman Boutelle a captain.

The revised army bill has been reported to the senate.

Union printers in several job offices at Birmingham, Ala., are on a strike. President Lynch is present.

The passage of the amnesty bill causes comment in France.

Benny Wallace, a prominent Chicago stock broker, is dead.

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Stories in The Youth's Companion.

In the 52 issue of the year The Youth's Companion publishes more than 201 stories, yet so carefully are they selected that they prove inexhaustible in variety, unending in the power to delight. The stories already in hand for The Companion's 1901 volume show that this feature of the paper will be as strong as ever.

Among the groups of stories will be one of 'Old Settlers' Day Tales'—stories actually told at some of the gatherings of pioneers in the West. There will be four stirring 'Tales of our Inland Seas,' picturing the adventures of the sailors on the Great Lakes; and there will also be four 'True Tales from the Zoo,' told by famous keepers and trainers of wild beasts. And this is only a beginning. We shall be glad to send illustrated Announcement of the volume for 1901 with sample copies of the paper free to any address.

All new subscribers will receive The Companion for the remaining weeks of 1900 free from the time of subscription, and then for a full year, 52 weeks, to January 1, 1902; also The Companion's new Calendar for 1901, suitable as an ornament for the prettiest room in the house.

The Youth's Companion,
Boston, Mass.

She Saw Santa Claus.

A little three-year-old girl of our city has been looking for Santa Claus to make an appearance at any time. She went Saturday night with her father to attend the play, and on the way was left a moment at the door of a building while he attended to something within. Seeing a dark object leaning against the house she asked what it was. The father knowing the condition of the man, who had taken too much Xmas cheer, told the little one it was only a plank.

But at this moment the poor victim shrank closer to the wall, the child's eyes caught the movement and she called out joyfully "Why, Howdy do, Santa Claus!" There was no response and after several vain attempts she gave up in despair feeling much grieved that Santa wouldn't even speak.

Attention Cotton Growers.

After Monday, Dec. 31 Strayhorn Bros., will only gin on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, owing to most of the cotton being already in.

Otis Quinn & Fro., have hauled the largest number of bales of cotton to the gin here this season, having had 40 bales ginned. A. M. Goode has had the best average per acre, making 20 bales off of 20 acres. Later Strayhorn Bros., will furnish us a list of a few of the most successful cotton growers.

Children's Interest.

If it is right that parents should live with the children as well as live for their children, the parent who strives to make childhood a happy time will find aid to that end in each number of The delineator. Lina Feard, who has been contributing to that magazine a series of pastimes for children who have been ill, devotes her whole article in the January issue to "The New Year." The same number tells of "A Soap Bubble Party," and also of the toys and amusements of "Child Life in China."

A WINDFALL.

H. J. Camp Possibly the Possessor of Valuable Coal Lands in Tennessee.

Our tax assessor, H. J. Camp, recently received a letter from his brother in Tennessee stating that near the famous Bonair coal mines a tract of land had been discovered that in all probability belongs to Mr. Camp.

In 1881 Mr. Camp left Tennessee coming West and located at Camp Springs, this county.

He left behind him a fine old home consisting of 886 acres of rich Tennessee lands.

After his departure the county Treasurer of White County, Tennessee defaulted and Mr. Camp being one of his bondsmen instructed his brother to sell the old place and pay off the bond, which he did.

Prior to this, in 1869, he purchased a tract of 200 acres of land for \$100 from a Mr. Whitley which he supposed had been sold with the old place, but recently a friend of his discovered the late sale of the property and that a quit claim deed had been given to it by the Whitley heirs.

He at once notified Mr. Camp who, upon examination of old papers brought to light the original warranty deed which was immediately sent to his brother.

The land lies in the famous Coal Belt near "Bonair Springs" which was once a favorite resort for Southern planters in anti-bellum days and is surrounded by some of the most magnificent rivers of the picturesque old state.

There the tall mountains lift their misty peaks against the sky and stand in awful grandeur, like ancient monarches of the world, scorning the humble valley below.

But the valleys are rich, as the productive farms testify, and a tract of land there would prove valuable even without the addition of a coal mine, which of course, would greatly enhance its value and will be a welcome boon to Mr. Camp in his old age.

Come One And All.

Wellborn has just returned from the East and has bought the largest stock of saddle and harness goods ever brought to Snyder. We ask all to come and get prices. We buy for spot cash and we will not be undersold. One price to all alike.

J. J. WELLBORN & SON.

Lon is Happy.

County Clerk A. J. Grantham is supremely happy these days, and all on account of the flourishing condition of the marriage license market. Lon was whistling a lively air recently when a young fellow dropped in after the papers necessary when a wedding is anticipated. He asked Lon if he did a credit business in such matters and then Lon's whistle seemed to have been suddenly broken and he managed to stammer that if he knew a fellow right well he might entertain such a proposition, but his face lighted up like a bicycle lamp when the young man pulled out a plerotic pocket book and produced the required one dollar and fifty cents.

NOTICE.

Hereafter the City Meat Market will be closed at 9 o'clock on Sunday mornings.

Oliver Johnson, Prop.

Notice.

I will thresh at my place Jan. 7 to 11 inclusive and will not run any more until next harvest. All parties wanting grain threshed will please take notice.

G. H. Barnhart.

Ben Hill is on the sick list today.

Flour!

There's no woman who wants to make good bread, that don't want good flour. They all want to make good bread—Guess they all do. Did you ever see a woman in your life that didn't claim to make the best bread in the country? Well, we keep good flour. The very best flour which we sell at \$2.25 per hundred, but that's outside of our story. There was a lady in our store the other day buying goods. She was a good woman; she trades at a good place; she was a saving woman, because she trades where she can save money. She wanted some flour and she wanted the best she could get, because she makes good bread, (they all do). She asked us for

Hamilton-Brown Flour!

Of course we didn't have it. Hamilton-Brown don't make flour, they make shoes, and they make good shoes. We sell their shoes. This woman knew they were the best shoes she could get and she knew that if they did make flour it would be the best she could get. We thank this woman sincerely for her left handed compliment to the shoes we sell. Won't you come over and try our shoes and flour?

Your Money Back if You Want It.

Christmas

Every family in the United States will certainly think of some one thing that's come to them within the last 365 days to be thankful for, except, of course,

MR. TURK GOBBLER AND FAMILY,

But he's really thankful more days in the year than we are. He's thankful 363 days in the year because they are not our Thanksgiving and Christmas Days. We could hardly expect him to be thankful, gay and cheerful on his family's funeral days.

But while his days are "few" they are not "full of trouble". He never voted for a defeated candidate and had some fellow with a big healthy laugh come around and hit him between the shoulders and say, "I told you so". He don't wander into the wrong store after a pair of Hamilton-Brown Shoes—allow the merchant to sell him a pair "just as good as" and then find out shortly after that there's no shoes "just as good as". He don't have those troubles.

Our Customers Don't Have Any Shoe Troubles.

Do you? We can't protect you from the "I told you so" evil—but we can wipe out your shoe troubles. We sell Hamilton-Brown's shoes. Don't get a pair "just as good as," but come here and get the best.

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Anyone can keep an expense account, but few can make it tally with their cash account.

Many a man who gives up his wages for foolish fancies disputes the price of necessities.

Our Nation's Wealth.

The material wealth and strength of our nation is in iron, the most useful of all metals, just as the wealth of a human being lies in a useful stomach. If you have overworked yours, try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It will relieve the clogged bowels, improve the appetite and cure constipation, dyspepsia and biliousness.

Theories are a much like gratuitous advice. Easy.

Fruit is a necessary article of diet. Its prime essences are in Primley's California Fruit Gum.

He who admires not Luna's effulgent rays was not brought up in a school of sentiment.

I am sure Pilo's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. T. S. ROBBINS, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

He who makes no mistakes makes nothing else.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SODA is tested daily by an expert chemist. It is perfectly pure. Insist on having it.

Some of us would not grow old if it required an effort.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. LUCAS COUNTY. I, FRANK J. CHENEY, do hereby certify that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Have you tried Russ' Bleaching Blue, the famous bag blue that delights the laundress? All grocers sell it.

No man should permit his wife to be his drudge.

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PROUD OF LABELS.

Young Man Frankly Admits Travel Checks Are Bluffs

A dastangy looking young man boarded a Fourteenth street car at Massachusetts avenue the other night. He was carrying a leather suit case. Pasted all over the suit case were labels indicating much foreign travel—teamship pasters slapped on at Dieppe, Havre, Ostend, Bremen, Cherbourg, Liverpool, Yarmouth, Naples, and railroad labels that bore the names of all lines all the way from Constantinople to St. Petersburg. The young man of dastangy appearance put the suit case down between his legs, and all the people in the seats opposite began a fascinated sort of inspection of the labels. A stout man with several of the component parts of a jag who sat next to the young man seemed to regard the labels with particular interest. He stooped over and deciphered them carefully and elaborately and then he looked up at the owner of the suit case with a leer.

"Been around right smart, ain't you, podner?" he inquired.

The young man regarded him with a smile.

"Never been farther away from Washington than New York in my life," he replied, without any hesitation whatsoever. "I got that whole bunch of labels for half a dollar at a little money exchanging joint, down near the Battery, in New York. Hot scheme, isn't it?"

The frankness of the statement so dazed several of the passengers who overheard it that they got off at the wrong theater.—Washington Post.

MUSK OX RAISING.

Industry Will Be Prosecuted Upon an Extensive Scale.

In Sweden the industry of raising the musk ox for its fleece has been started on a large scale, says the New York Journal. After making many unsuccessful attempts the Kolkhoff Arctic expedition, which several seasons ago returned to Sweden from Greenland, succeeded in there capturing all the musk oxes, a male and a female, and in bringing them to Sweden in good condition. In this way the musk ox industry started. At present there is a large herd of these animals, which are being cared for on a farm in northern Sweden, where all conditions are apparently suitable for their development. The musk ox (*Ovis moschatus*) is a singular animal, in appearance resembling both an ox and a sheep, as the scientific name "ovibos" implies. Its introduction into Sweden will be of great benefit to that country, in the opinion of Kolkhoff, who, in flat contradiction to the statements of the older zoologists, says that the flesh of the animal is not merely edible, but of very agreeable flavor. As a fully developed musk ox weighs about 1,500 pounds this is an important consideration. But the principal value of the animal lies in its heavy fleece of dark brown wool of extraordinarily fine fiber. The fleece of a single musk ox outweighs those of 20 sheep.

OPEN IN WINTER.

Ice-Breakers Prevent Interruption of Traffic at Vladivostok.

Vladivostok is no longer the ice-closed port in winter it formerly was, for the resources of modern shipbuilding have been called in and powerful ice-breakers keep it open the whole year round, so that now there is no interruption of traffic at any season and passenger steamers come at regular intervals all the winter, therefore reasons for obtaining Port Arthur no longer exist, says a Russian correspondent. Still, the climate is not too good in winter, and, naturally, the officers of the men-of-war prefer to winter in Port Arthur or Nagasaki, although in summer time the bright side of life in Vladivostok is quite as attractive as in the southern ports. The place has been strongly fortified, but strangers are strictly prevented from visiting the fortifications, which are to be seen on all the hillsides. Magazines, masked batteries and other means of offense and defense have been provided, and they are connected by an electric tramway and by telephone and telegraph, so that in case of attack communication with the various points can be rapidly established. The number of soldiers stationed at Vladivostok has been greatly increased, and probably it would be a more difficult place to capture than Port Arthur.

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Funny Men in Congress.

Congress always has its funny men. Sometimes there are two or three. The funny man of this house is Private John Allen of Tupelo. He has held the position for the past ten or twelve years. Before him was Sunset Cox, whose heart was broken because the house would not take him seriously long enough to make him speaker. Allen also has been handicapped by his reputation as a humorist. He is a Mississippian, and the best known, and yet he has never been able to secure an election to the senate. This is Allen's last congress.

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A circus paid a flying visit to a small town not long ago, and the price of admission was sixpence, children under 10 years of age half price. It was Edith's 10th birthday, and her brother, Tom, aged 13, took her in the afternoon to see the show, says London Spare Moments.

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"Well," replied Master Tom, "this is her 10th birthday, but she was not born until late in the afternoon."

Proof that Their Clothes are New.

A traveler returned from a tour of southern Italy says that one of the peculiar customs of the peasants is the wearing of price marks on raw suits of clothes. Whereas in other countries the dealer's ticket and tag are removed the moment a suit is bought, in the sunny toe and heel of the European "boot" they are fastened on the tighter and worn until they fall off. The object of this is to show neighbors that you have new clothes, bought on such a day and costing so much, at So-and-So's. The same traveler says Paris is crowded with dog barbers.

Mary's Little Lamb.

And now they say the "Mary" who had "a little lamb" was a little Massachusetts girl who had adopted one of a pair of twin lambs. The lamb strayed away, and on her way to school Mary found it and actually did take it to school with her and to the class. A young man named Rowland, the son of a Boston riding master, who was fitting himself at Harvard college, was at school that day and he proceeded to write the lines which have become immortal. The lamb lived to be a very old sheep, and was finally killed by an irate cow.

In Praise of the Moderate Man.

Miss Alice French (Octave Thanet), at a recent meeting of club women of Lincoln, Neb., sounded the praises on the "moderate man," claiming that he is generally unappreciated. "The moderate man is doing his unobtrusive best in every walk of life," she said. "The moderate woman is doing hers. She is a good wife, a good mother, a good friend and neighbor. The moderate man is under fire from his own familiar friends; he is attacked by the extremists on both sides, and yet, harassed, wearied, goaded, he doggedly fights on with a jest."

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To all points in Louisiana—All agents will sell round trip tickets, Dec. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Jan. 1, at one and one-third fare, limit Jan. 22.

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Holiday Rates and Through Cars via Texas Midland Railroad.

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Through coaches on Dec. 20th to Atlanta, Ga., via Memphis and Birmingham, via Memphis and Chattanooga, via Memphis and Nashville and via New Orleans and Montgomery; to Louisville, Ky., via Memphis and Bowling Green; to points on Mobile and Ohio R. R., via Memphis and Corinth.

To all points in Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri, fare and a fifth for the round trip, tickets on sale Dec. 21st, 22nd and 23rd, good until Jan. 21st, 1901, to return.

Through coaches to St. Louis and intermediate points on Frisco Line on Dec. 21st. This is the best route to points in Kansas and Missouri.

To all points in Texas, fare and a fourth for the round trip, tickets on sale Dec. 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st and Jan. 1st, good until Jan. 3d, 1901, to return.

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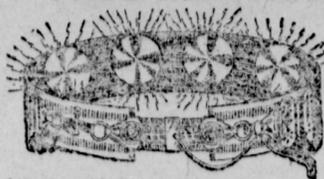
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Thus writes Mac Stewart, the old ex-confederate veteran, who is in jail at Chihuahua, Mexico. The letter containing the pathetic sentence quoted above written to John Fallon, of the Turf saloon, this city, and who worked for Mac Stewart years ago, when he was engaged in the cattle business in the Panhandle.

About five years ago Mac Stewart was residing at Parral, Mexico, and while drunk one day and raising a disturbance on the street he killed a Mexican policeman. The officer was in a buggy, and driving up to Stewart commanded him to get in the buggy and consider himself under arrest. Stewart refused to obey the command and the policeman sprang out of his buggy with a rifle in his hand. The next instant the officer was lying dead on the ground. Stewart had shot him under the impression that the officer was going to shoot him.

Stewart was tried, found guilty of murder and sentenced to be shot. He had been a gallant confederate soldier, serving in the same regiment, the Fourth Texas Cavalry, with Judge Peyton F. Edwards of El Paso, and when he made an appeal to his old comrades for aid the ex-confederates of Texas responded promptly. They raised money, sent a committee to Chihuahua and engaged the best legal talent in the state to secure a new trial for Stewart. Judge J. F. Crosby of this city went to Chihuahua in the interest of Mac Stewart and succeeded in having his sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

But the ex-confederates did not cease their efforts to secure Stewart's freedom. They have spent thousands of dollars employing lawyers to work for his complete pardon. Ex-Governor Hogg of Austin visited Mexico City and made a personal appeal to President Diaz; but the president after inquiring into the case, refused to interfere with the findings of the courts. Last July Mayor Magoffin, at the solicitation of Stewart, wrote to Governor Ahumada, asking him to do what he could to have Stewart released, and the governor, who at all times befriended Americans in Mexico, replied that under the law he could not interfere further than to see that the prisoner received kind treatment and was made comfortable.

Now, Stewart is again appealing to his friends in this country. John Fallon, who recently visited the prison in Chihuahua, is in receipt of a letter in which Stewart begs Fallon to have his friends here make one more effort to have him set free.

"If I could get out of prison," writes Stewart, "I believe I could live. But I can not live many weeks longer here, and I want to return home to die on my native soil. I don't want to die in the cell of a foreign prison. I don't think Governor Ahumada wants me to die here, so if you will get Judge Crosby and his friends to intercede for me, the governor may save me."

Mac Stewart's late appeals to the sympathy of all Americans. He is condemned to spend the rest of his life in a foreign prison, and almost within sight of his native land. But the authorities of Mexico have treated him very kindly. They appreciate the fact

that he was under the influence of liquor when he killed one of their officers. But intoxication is no excuse for crime in Mexico. Still, if the old man—for Stewart is now over 60 years of age—is dying the pardoning power may in pity allow him to come home to die.—El Paso Times.

You are Thinking, perhaps, of visiting the folk back home during the Christmas Holidays. If so, you want to **GO THE BEST Way.**

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Saw Death Near.

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 horse about 10 years old 14 1/2
 hands high branded A on left
 shoulder and J F A on left hip, also
 one bay horse about 8 or 9
 years old 14 1/2 hands high brand-
 ed GAK on left hip. The same
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 owner of the above described ani-
 mals is requested to come forward
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 take said property away or they
 will be dealt with as the law di-
 rects

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A Railway Change.

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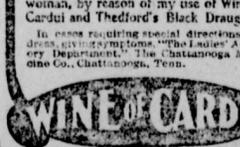
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SAYINGS and DOINGS

Story of an Automobile.

The reported marriage of Carrie Johnston, formerly private secretary to the Duke of Manchester, to Mlle. Nellie Neustretter of Paris, has revived the incident of his visit to the United States and to Cincinnati in particular, says the Enquirer. Johnston is the cousin of Lord Anglesey, and is handsomer than the duke whom he accompanied on his first visit to America. Gossip has it that he aspired to the hand of the duchess when she was Miss Zimmerman, and that he was dismissed from the duke's household for his presumption. Johnston met Miss Zimmerman abroad, and when he came to America with his patron, took Nellie Neustretter on occasion to run out into the west as far as Cincinnati. With him he brought his automobile and created a furore with it, that style of vehicle being a novelty in those days. Mr. Johnston did not become widely acquainted in society. There was, it is true, much excitement among the lion-hunters, because of the rumor that a real, live nobleman was within the gates. But some one discovered that he was only a cousin to a nobleman, and that he was on a quest of love or commercialism, and he remained in obscurity. He went as unexpectedly as he came, but rumor has it that the automobile remained behind as a token of esteem to a newly found friend who was kind enough to advance a "trifle for expenses, y' know." And the gossips say further that the friend had the "auto" repaired, and declared that it had just come over from Paris. He still possesses a specimen of Mr. Johnston's chirography on a bit of note paper. Nellie Neustretter is the woman who figured in the Willie K. Vanderbilt divorce case five years ago.

One Woman's Glory.

The daughter of a simple country gentleman is the Hon. Mrs. Charles Russell, whose beauty and cleverness have earned for her a unique place in London society. Before her marriage she was Miss Adah Williams, and on her union with the second son of the late Lord Russell of Killowen she received a handsome portion from her wealthy and generous father. Throughout the gay spring season, when London society is most brilliant, Mrs. Russell entertains royally and nobly at small dinners notable for their charm and perfection, and the lovely hostess has among her women friends the enviable reputation of "dressing as well as any American." Indeed, her gowns are no less famous than her good looks, good nature and exquisitely appointed dinners, and that which renders her beautiful clothes and her fair face most conspicuous is the almost total disregard she affects for jewel decorations. This is her preference, in spite of the fact that she has inherited one of the finest collections of precious stones in England and possesses some marvelous diamonds, one of which is but a little less splendid and valuable than the Jubilee diamond which created so great a sensation at the Paris exposition.

In summer Mrs. Russell and her husband transport their small family to a charming cottage in Ireland, to which country she is entirely devoted, and



MRS. CHARLES RUSSELL AND LITTLE DAUGHTER.

whose interest she has close at heart. The materials for most of her beautiful gowns come from Ireland, especially her laces, linen costumes, and it is her pride that every straw that she wears is braided by Irish hands from Irish materials.

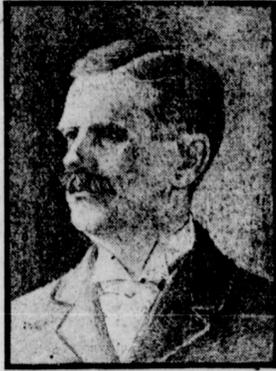
Woes of the Camera Trust.

The Rochester Optical and Camera company, a combination formed a year ago with a view to monopolizing the photographic instrument business, has already got into trouble. The trust began swimmingly with a capital of \$2,500,000, and at once put its new powers to the test by raising prices and by laying some rigid restrictions upon retailers. As a result the business of the combined firms fell off \$400,000 during the first year, and the trust now finds itself hard pushed to pay the guaranteed dividend on its preferred stock. In order to raise the money before the end of the year it has been compelled to cut its own prices, thus disorganizing the market and inflicting a hardship upon dealers who bought goods before the break came. The natural result is the rapid depreciation of camera trust shares, and the concern seems to be on a fair way to join the increasing number of defunct trusts.

In the Public Eye

Chicago's Municipal Campaign.

Chicago is getting ready for another municipal election. The present Mayor Carter H. Harrison, who has been twice elected, will again be the candidate of the Democrats. Graeme Stewart, Illinois' member of the Republican



GRAEME STEWART.

National Committee, is already in the arena for his party's nomination, and it looks as if he would be Harrison's chief opponent. Like Harrison, he is a native of the city. He has long been high in the councils of the party in state and nation.

Boom for Oklahoma.

The Territory of Oklahoma is on the verge of a new boom. Within a few months President McKinley will throw open to settlers a former Indian reservation, embracing no less than two and a half million acres of land in the extreme southern part of the territory, bordered on the south by Texas and on the east by the Chickasaw Nation reservation. Of the land in the territory to be opened 50,000 acres will be reserved as a government reservation lying about Fort Sill and nearly 500,000 acres of allotments to the Indians of the three tribes who have disposed of their tribal holdings to the government. Of the remaining land only 80,000 acres are adapted to strictly agricultural purposes, the remainder being, however, good grazing territory. The opening proclamation will be issued as soon as the secretary of the interior has completed the work of allotting to the individual Indians the 160-acre plots to which each of them is entitled under the agreement of purchase.



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Mrs. Stevens Chosen Again.

Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, who has just been re-elected president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, is a native of Dover, Me., and began her work as a teacher in her own state. At 21 she married Mr. Stevens and went with her husband to his home near Portland. Mrs. Stevens first



MRS. LILLIAN M. N. STEVENS. met Miss Willard at Old Orchard in the summer of 1875, and there assisted in the organization of the Maine W. C. T. U. Her first office was that of treasurer of the state union. She next became president and under her guidance the Maine organization soon became conspicuous in the national union and its president no less conspicuous among the ladies at work in the temperance cause. Mrs. Stevens' advance in the union was rapid. She was elected vice president during the life of Miss Willard and succeeded that great reformer as president when Miss Willard died.

A Curious Constitution.

The most remarkable of the three complete drafts of the constitution submitted to the Cuban constitutional convention is the one submitted by General Rivera.

It follows our constitution as to form of government when once constituted, but differs very materially as to the modes of constituting it. It provides for a congress of two houses and a president. Nothing is said about a judicial branch in the summary at hand, but undoubtedly that is provided for. Each of the provinces is to have a local government superficially after the analogy of our state governments. But it appears that only the representatives in congress and three electors in each municipal district are to be elected by direct vote of the people. The municipal electors are to choose the members of the provincial legislatures, and these legislatures are to choose the provincial governors and the national senators, and all six of them sitting together are to choose the president of the republic, who must be a native Cuban.

PURELY PERSONAL

Rear Admiral McNair.

Few men in the United States navy were as fondly regarded by their subordinates as Rear Admiral Frederick McNair, who died at Washington the other day. Mr. McNair was the ranking rear admiral of the navy, standing next to Dewey. He was in command of the Asiatic squadron prior to Dewey's appointment and would have reaped the honors that fell to Dewey at Manila had not one of those changes which occur at regular intervals in the navy brought him home just before the outbreak of the Spanish war. He was a man of tact and courage, handsome in figure and jovial in the social hours he enjoyed with his men. Since his return from Asiatic waters he has been on shore duty, his last post being superintendent of the naval academy at Annapolis.

McNair was born in Pennsylvania in 1839 and entered the navy in 1853. In 1859 he was assigned to the steam frigate Minnesota, of the East India squadron. Early in the civil war he went to the steam sloop Iroquois, of the West Gulf squadron, and participated in the bombardment of Forts Jackson and St. Philip and Chalmette batteries. The engagement at Grand Gulf, the passage, both ways, of the Vicksburg batteries, and the destruction of the Confederate ram Arkansas. He served also in the war on the steam sloop Junia and Seminole, with the South Atlantic Blockading squadron, and participated in both attacks on Fort Fisher.

May Enter the Cabinet.

Wayne MacVeagh, who is mentioned as a possible successor to Attorney



WAYNE MACVEAGH.

General Griggs in President McKinley's cabinet, is a Philadelphia lawyer of ability and prominence, and he has been the recipient of high honors from both the great political parties. He was appointed United States attorney general by President Garfield in 1881, and resigned upon the accession of President Arthur. In 1892 he supported Cleveland for president, and in 1893 he was made ambassador to Italy, which post he held until 1897. Since that time he has practiced law in Philadelphia, though spending much of his time in Washington, where he now is, and where he will spend the winter. Mr. MacVeagh was born in Phoenixville, Pa., on April 19, 1833.

Roosevelt Is Not Rich.

As vice president Mr. Roosevelt will occupy a rented house in Washington, and his friends say it will not be an expensive residence, for the reason that the vice president elect is not a rich man. The property which his father left to him in New York yields him an annual income of \$8,000 or \$10,000 a year. Hence it is that Mr. Roosevelt feels called upon to engage deeply and constantly in literary work next year to increase his income, notwithstanding that it will be \$16,000 or \$18,000 a year anyhow.

\$4,600 a Night.

While the American stage is said to be over-run with European talent, there is some consolation in the fact that the European stage is not shy on American talent of the first magnitude. In this connection the announcement comes from London that a single night's performance at the



MARIE GEORGE.

Strand theater, netted Marie George, the American actress, the handsome sum of \$4,600. There is not a European woman, save, perhaps, Bernhardt, whose nightly receipts in this country anything like approach those figures.

The METRIC SYSTEM of

THE ORIGINAL CUBIT & THE ORIGINAL FATHOM.

WEIGHTS & MEASURES

The bill introduced by Congressman Shybroth providing that on and after January 1, 1903, the weights and measures in the metric system shall be the legal standard weights and measures in the United States is simply another in a long line of attempts to supplant the present awkward system by the easy and simple metric or decimal system. Though the bill has been reported favorably by the committee on weights and measures it has still a hard fight before it. The chances for its adoption are not the brightest.

In one sense the United States may be said to have been even before France in the adoption of at least a portion of the metric system. In 1785 congress adopted the decimal system of money, with the dollar as the unit, whereas the metric system proper was not adopted by France until 1795. The basis of the metric system, the meter, was determined by two French astronomers and mathematicians and is exactly one-fourty-millionth part of the circumference of the earth on the meridian of Paris. The meter is 3.37 inches longer than the American yard. It is the standard of the measures of length and all other measures are based upon it. Thus the metric unit of surface measure is the centare, which is one square meter. The unit of capacity is one liter, which is the cube

The use of the metric system was declared obligatory in France on November 2, 1801, but the French people were not prepared for so sudden a change, and in 1812 a compromise was adopted which lasted until 1837. In that year a law was passed making the use of the metric system obligatory and ordering its enforcement after January, 1840. At present it is universally used by France, as well as by all European nations, except Great Britain, where it is allowed, but not compulsory. Russia was the last of great powers to make the change, having put the metric system into force only a few weeks ago. On the continent the metric system has been adopted by Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Peru, and other of the South and Central American republics.

As early as 1817 the subject of adopting the metric system in the United States was agitated. John Quincy Adams was appointed to investigate the weights and measures of the United States and he found that the standards of weight, measure, and capacity differed considerably in the different states and even in the same state. He reported fully on the result of his investigation and did not favor the adoption of the French or metric system because of the popular repugnance to a change and the inconvenience which would follow the adoption of a new system. At the same time he declared his belief that the metric system was almost ideal and reflected the greatest credit on the men and on the age which had devised it.

In 1830 another investigation was made and it again was found that a pound or a yard in one state or city was often more or less than in another. As a result the treasury department was authorized and instructed to have made copies of the standards of weight and measure then in its possession, a set of which copies were to be delivered to the governor of each state in the union.

In 1866 it was made by an act of congress lawful to employ the weights and measures of the metric system throughout the United States and the secretary of the treasury was instructed to furnish the governor of each state a set of standard weights and measures of the metric system for the use of the respective states.

Under the regulations of the international postal convention the metric system was adopted as the standard in all transactions between the nations which are members of the postal union, and accordingly the mail matter transported between the United States

and fifty other countries, including even the mail sent between the United States and England, is weighed and paid for entirely in terms of the metric system.

In 1875 a convention was held by representatives of practically all the civilized nations, except England, at which "a scientific and permanent bureau of weights and measures" was established at Paris, the expenses of which are paid by all the powers party to the convention. Great Britain has since become a party to this conference and now pays its share of the expenses of the bureau.

One duty of the international bureau of weights and measures is to furnish exact and correct copies or duplicates of the standards of weight and measure to the several countries which contribute to its support. These new standards were supplied to the United States and were received by the president and his cabinet with considerable ceremony on January 2, 1890, and are now deposited in a fireproof room in the coast survey building at Washington.

In 1893 the secretary of the treasury ordered that thereafter the standard meter and kilogram, deposited in the coast survey building, should be recognized as the fundamental standards from which the customary units of the yard and the pound should be derived.



HON. JOHN F. SHAFROTH. (Colorado Congressman, Who is Author of the Present Bill.)

It is therefore true that at present the United States is using a system of weights and measures which is based on the units of the metric system.

The metric system proper is now exclusively used by the United States marine hospital service, by the foreign department of the postoffice, by the United States coast and geodetic survey, to some extent in the mint, United States signal service, and United States census department.

Degree of "Doctor of Arts."

The proposal of President Thwing of Western Reserve University that a new degree of doctor of arts be established does not meet with the approval of the majority of the heads of the more important colleges. The degree for men distinguished in technical and industrial pursuits for whom the degree of doctor of laws seems inappropriate. The plan is opposed by Presidents Angell of Michigan, Elliot of Harvard, Butler of Colby, Carter of Williams, Hadley of Yale, Harris of Amherst, Jordan of Stanford, Low of Columbia, Northrop of Minnesota, Raymond of Union and Schurman of Cornell. It is approved by Presidents Stryker of Hamilton, Wheeler of California, and Faunce of Brown in a modified way.

Hard Work for St. Louis Fair.

The appropriation made by congress to aid the St. Louis fair of 1903 provided that the money should not become available unless the city of St. Louis should raise \$10,000,000 for the same purpose. The congressional appropriation was \$5,000,000. The city of St. Louis will issue bonds for \$5,000,000 and is making a vigorous effort to raise \$5,000,000 by private subscription. The subscription list drags. The St. Louis papers are full of energetic appeals for help. From their earnestness it must be that the difficulties are great. It would be unfortunate if the appropriation of congress should fall through the inability of the people of St. Louis to raise the amount of \$10,000,000, which is a condition on which the national appropriation rests.

Sullivan's Jewish Blood.

The late Sir Arthur Sullivan was said to have Jewish blood in his veins, but this is wrong. His mother was an Italian named Righi, and his father, of course, was pure Irish. His grandparents was an impoverished Kerry squire, who served under Wellington and was a member of the garrison at St. Helena.

Dr. Charles F. H. Wilgohs of Akron, O., has just celebrated his ninety-seventh birthday. He still attends to his practice as a physician, and even visits his patients at night when called upon to do so.



JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

(First Defender of the Metric System.)

(First Defender of the Metric System.) of one-tenth of a meter. The unit of weight is the gram which is the weight of a cubic centimeter of water. A standard meter was constructed in 1799 by an international commission representing France, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark, Spain, Savoy, and the Roman, Cisalpine, and Ligurian republics. It was made of platinum and was deposited in the palace of archives in Paris and was declared to be the definitive basis of the metric system forever.

General Chaffee in Peking.

The Peking correspondents of the London newspapers do not approve of General Chaffee and his American methods. They complain of the guard that he posted to prevent looting. They report that the ministers are offended by General Chaffee's individual assumption of authority in issuing orders to prevent looting, and that Field Marshal Count von Waldersee is not pleased with the independent tone of General Chaffee's communications to headquarters. They report also that General Chaffee has created dissatisfaction by his refusal to join the other governments in giving increased salaries to officers assigned to duty in the provisional government at Tientsin.

This is a British view. The correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean at Peking takes a different view. He reports that the provisional government at Tientsin is cumbersome, expensive, and unsatisfactory; that its chief object seems to be to supply sinecures for military officers; that the high salaries paid condemn western government in the eyes of the Chinese, and that the provisional government has made a demand for unlimited power regarding public works, the levying of taxes, contributions, import duties, etc.

To all this General Chaffee, commanding the American troops, objected. He opposed the proposition to give the Tientsin provisional government unlimited control of the territory. He declined to approve the proposition to inaugurate new public works except such as were temporarily necessary, and he instructed Captain Foote, the American representative in the government, not to accept any remuneration beyond his army pay.

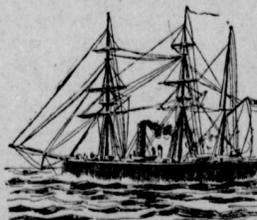
Americanizing England.

The Britisher is in a plight about the introduction into London of the whizzing, whistling American trolley. The work of the trolley car in the development of American towns and in relieving the congestion of the big cities is one of the marvels of the time. It goes tearing through the country, linking towns and cities and spilling the denizens of the crowded and smoky cities over woodland and prairie. As an evangel of progress it is a ripper. But it does not follow from all this that

London is going to permit the trolley to invade the densely crowded streets in the heart of that great metropolis. It is announced that bills for the introduction of electric tram service of the trolley pattern on such thoroughfares as the Embankment, Victoria street, Buckingham Palace Road, and King's Road, Chelsea, will be strongly opposed and will never be enacted while the conservative government is in power. It is asserted that the development of an electric surface system is possible in the East Side and in the suburbs, and that the introduction of trolleys on such broad thoroughfares as Whitechapel will be favored by both parties in the London county council.

Sent to Demand Indemnity.

The British sloop-of-war Icarus is on her way to Panama to inquire into the seizure of a British steamer by the Columbian government. The rebels were gaining ground and a city threatened by them had to be relieved. A transport was wanted and the government took the first vessel at hand. This proved to be a Britisher, and John Bull now wants to know the reason



THE ICARUS.

why. The Icarus is not a modern vessel, but still she should be equal to bringing the Columbians to time.

The late Marcus Daly invested several hundred thousand dollars in valuable copper property in Mexico during the past year. It is reported that these mines will now be disposed of and that they may be acquired by W. A. Clark of Montana, who already has mining interests in Mexico. Representatives of Mr. Clark are now in Mexico investigating certain copper properties.

LOCAL NOTES.

To date the gin here has turned out 2623 bales.

Judge W. K. Homan was here yesterday from Colorado.

Wellborn has the best line of Christmas goods in Snyder.

Judge C. C. Johnson spent Christmas with friends at Dunn.

Charles Clayton is here from Johnson county visiting relatives.

Just received a fine line of Holiday goods.

DODSON & WASSON.

The receipts from the play given by the dramatic club Christmas were \$39.75.

Go to Hallen & Byrd when you want fresh fish and oysters, served in any style.

Sam Castevens and wife have gone to South Carolina to spend the holidays at the old home.

Wellborn will soon have more new goods. Just come and get prices. J17.

Dr. J. E. Dodson and family are spending the holidays with relatives in Stamford.

If you want cheap harness goods, go to Wellborn. We are receiving a big stock. 4t

The play advertised for Saturday night was postponed, owing to the illness of Prof. Bowron.

Go to Wellborns for seven feet, twist link trace chains, hames, harness goods, wagon covers and horse covers, collars pads. d28

Will Black came in Saturday from Alvarado and we learned yesterday had purchased the G. B. Spivey place.

B. L. Patterson is here from his home at Clairemont to visit friends and receive medical treatment.

Miss Fannie Patterson went to Dunn Christmas evening to assist in the school which opened at that place yesterday.

R. G. Grantham arrived Saturday from Glen, New Mexico, to spend the holidays with his parents here.

Ed Kelley and several other of the boys from the O S ranch are here this week spending the holidays with friends.

On account of the failure to secure a tree the community Christmas tree advertised last week did not materialize.

Mrs. Wm. Scrivner and children spent Monday and Tuesday here enjoying the entertainments given and visiting friends.

Charley Ligon is putting in a building just west of this office and will open up an elegant line of confections therein when completed.

The reason Pete Thomas wore such a broad smile Christmas day was because of the arrival on the day before of a bouncing boy at his home.

Eld. ... a traveling evangelist, is here and preached two interesting sermons at the Christian church Sunday morning and evening.

There is talk of a "Watch Night" service at the Methodist church next Monday night and if it is held a very interesting program will be given.

Miss Arnetta Turpen, the accomplished young lady teacher at Dark, was in our city Monday and Tuesday to attend the Christmas festivities.

By far the most elegant calendar we have received at this office for 1901 is one put out by the Burton-Lingo lumber company. Our thanks are hereby tendered their Colorado office for their kindly remembrance to us.

The Christmas tree at the Christian church Monday night was attended by a large crowd and the tree was beautiful. A very interesting program was rendered and all went home happy that they had attended.

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D. F. Wilson, ex-tax assessor of this county and W. H. Wilson of the firm of Wilson & Grantham left last Saturday for Ellis county to spend the Christmas holidays with their mother. Dave having not visited his old home in 13 years. We wish them a pleasant trip.

Snyder merchants seem to have to enjoyed aliberal patronage during this Christmas and it is said by many that the stocks were much larger and nicer than ever before. Another evidence that if you have goods to sell advertise them in THE COMING WEST.

At 3 o'clock Monday afternoon J. D. Middleton and Miss Una Pitts drove up in front of the Dunbar Hotel and while sitting in their buggy were pronounced husband and wife by H. H. P. Looney. We join their large circle of friends in wishing them a life of peace and plenty.

Mr. Lew Rust has been busy the past week finishing up the local telephone exchange and will have it completed sometime tomorrow, when it will be put into regular operation. If you wish to maintain the good will of the operator and Manager Baker, observe the following advice: Never ring or call for a number unless you want something; always ring off when through using it and never interrupt others when talking.

W. E. Stanfield and family, left for their ranch this morning, and will make that their home for the next six months.

Marriage license have been issued the past week to Dave Krop and Miss Martha Mathis; J. E. Martin and Miss Sarah Hester; J. D. Middleton and Miss Una Pitts; John Jones and Miss Bertha Buchanan; W. E. Boss and Miss Sudie Cadell; G. L. Champion and Miss Emma Miller.

"Our boys of '76" was played by our dramatic club Tuesday afternoon as matinee to a good sized audience and will be repeated Friday night, by request. "Triss" held the boards Tuesday night and was a decided success, none of the actors varying from their former good work. There will be no entertainments until Friday night owing to the fact that some of the actors are somewhat indisposed.

A unique wedding occurred Sunday afternoon at the residence of Rev. W. W. Werner, east of town. The contracting parties were Mr. John Jones and Miss Bertha Buchanan and, accompanied by S. M. Pruitt, Miss Minnie Jones, Tom Hale, Miss Minnie Manry and a few other friends, drove up to the gate and while sitting in the buggy were pronounced husband and wife by Rev. Werner. They have a large circle of friends with whom we join in wishing them a life of happiness and prosperity.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Office of Comptroller of the Currency.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 19, 1900.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Snyder," in the Town of Snyder, in the County of Serrry, and State of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

NOW THEREFORE I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The First National Bank of Snyder," in the Town of Snyder, in the County of Serrry, and state of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I witness my hand and seal of office this nineteenth day of Sept., 1900. [L. S.] T. P. KANE, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency. No. 5580.

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M. T. Crawford, Colorado, Texas, has a large stock of fancy lump McAnister and other grades of lump and Nut coals. Special prices for country trade.

When you want up-to-date barber work, go to Matthew Looney west side of the square.

While settling with others please do not forget your best friends, DODSON & WASSON.

Rooted honeysuckles can be had from Mrs. L. J. Nichols.

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WAS BAD DEFEAT.

British Losses Were Numerous and Gloom Prevails

AMONG THE SUBJECTS OF QUEEN

Over the Depressing News that Has Been Cabled by Gen. Kitchener to the Home War Office.

London, Dec. 18.—The following dispatch has been received by the war office from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, Dec. 15.—Five officers and 316 men, Magaliesberg prisoners, have been released.

"The Boers surrounded and captured 120 of Brabant's horses in a defile in the Seastron district.

"Col. Bloomfield, at Vreyheld, defeated the Boers with heavy loss, driving them from Scheeper's Nek and capturing a quantity of arms. The Scheeper's Nek movement occurred Dec. 13.

"The Boers who attacked Vreyheld Dec. 10 lost 100 killed and wounded before they retired. The fighting lasted all day, the enemy drawing off at 7:30 p. m. The British loss was six killed, nineteen wounded and thirty missing. Our casualties include two officers, who died of their wounds.

Writing from Pretoria yesterday (Sunday) Lord Kitchener, after announcing that the released Magaliesberg prisoners have arrived at Rustenberg, says that the Boer force divided into two portions, one moving south and the other west.

The Magaliesberg affair is described as follows in a dispatch to the Standard from Fietfontein:

"The scene of the engagement was a horseshoe-shaped depression. The Northmberlands occupied the center. Gen. Clement was pitched 1000 yards lower down at the eastern point of the horseshoe and Col. Leggie's camp was about 300 yards distant.

"Delarey's 1000 men, against whom Gen. Clement had fought repeated actions, were suddenly, unknown to Gen. Clement, reinforced by 3000 men from Warm Baths, under Commandant Boyers. At daylight Col. Leggie's picket described what seemed a fresh force of British troops thirty yards distant. The strangers were challenged. They replied with a volley, revealing 400 Boers in khaki. The firing became heavier and the noise aroused Col. Leggie's troops, who arrived just in time to save the outposts from capture.

"A furious engagement ensued. Artillery was brought up and it compelled the Boers to retire. Col. Leggie following up the withdrawal, was shot dead with a bullet through the head.

"Gen. Clement and his staff soon arrived. The staff suffered severely, but Gen. Clement appeared to have a charmed life."

Lloyd Melone was accidentally killed by a shotgun near Dallas, Tex.

Journalist Dead.

New York, Dec. 18.—Oswald Ottendorfer, editor of the Staats Zeitung, died at his home in this city.

Oswald Ottendorfer was born Feb. 2, 1826, in Zwittau, Austria. In 1846 he entered the University of Vienna. He emigrated to the United States, where he began life as a laborer. On becoming a naturalized citizen he connected himself with the Democratic party, and in 1851 he entered the employ of the Staats Zeitung.

Chinaman Satisfied.

Yoakum, Tex., Dec. 17.—Lou Lee, a Chinaman who came here from San Antonio some two or three months ago, and who has been employed as cook at the depot dining hall, committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth with a Colt's 45-caliber six-shooter.

Mrs. Calvin Brice, widow of the late Ohio senator, died at New York.

Shorthorn Breeders.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 18.—The executive committee of the Texas Shorthorn Breeders' association will be held in this city at an early date, at which time matters pertaining to the fat stock show to be held here in February next will be discussed. Mr. J. F. Hovencamp, a member of the executive committee for the show, said that the catalogue would be ready within a few days.

Indiana Mob.

Rockport, Ind., Dec. 18.—Two negroes, Jim Henderson and Bud Rowland, who waylaid, brutally murdered and robbed Hollie Simons, a white barber, early Sunday morning were lynched in the jail yard by a mob of 1000 frenzied citizens. The negroes were arrested that morning, and although Rowland's clothing had blood stains, the men claimed they were innocent of the crime. In the meantime Sheriff Clemons of Union county, Ky., arrived with a trained bloodhound, in response to a telegraph summons. When the dog was placed on the trail he followed it until he reached the house where Rowland lived, six blocks from the scene of the murder, and went baying to the bed the negro had occupied. This was enough for the excited citizens. Within a few minutes a mob of a thousand howling, bloodthirsty citizens, with sledgehammers, ropes and guns, were running to the jail. Sheriff Anderson and his two deputies made a stand and attempted to protect the prisoners. The officers were seized by the leaders of the mob, who disarmed them. The door of Rowland's cell was broken in with sledges and he was dragged from the jail to the east side of the courthouse, where a noose was placed about his neck. He was given time to make a statement, in which he implicated Jim Henderson and another negro. Rowland then begged piteously for mercy, but the mob swiftly swung the confessed murderer to a tree and riddled his body with bullets.

Leaving the body of Rowland dangling from a limb of the tree, the mob rushed back to the jail and attempted to break open the cell occupied by Henderson.

A few moments more and the door of the cell was broken in. The negro was shot and was more dead than alive, was dragged at a rope's end to the court house yard and swung to a tree beside the body of Rowland.

Firing a parting volley at the swinging bodies, the mob, eager for another victim, hurried away to locate the other negro implicated by Rowland in his confession. He was found at a hotel, where he was employed as a porter.

The negro escaped to the roof of the building and Manager De Bruler succeeded in convincing the mob that the porter had nothing to do with the crime, proving an alibi for him.

Worked Insurance Companies.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—"Count" William von Zolnitz is a prisoner here charged with swindling nearly everybody in the life insurance business he has come in contact with. He secured policies from several prominent companies and filled them out himself, pocketing the money. He has been operating in Chicago for many months. The companies have had detectives searching for him since last spring.

Great Britain demands a modification of the Peking treaty.

Four loads of immigrants arrived at Abilene, Tex.

Five Bodies Found.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Bodies of five victims of the normal school fire have been recovered, making six that have been recovered from the ruins. Those found Sunday were charred beyond recognition, as was the one previously recovered.

Workmen while removing the debris found the five bodies at the foot of a fire-escape. They were piled across each other and burned beyond recognition.

Mistaken for a Burglar.

San Antonio, Dec. 17.—Daniel Lamny, aged 69 years, called early this morning at the home of Emil Hafner to summon him as a witness in a civil case in which Lamny was defendant. He was mistaken for a burglar and shot dead.

Earthquake shocks were felt in Cuba Saturday night.

Reported Catholics.

Pekin, Dec. 18.—The British are continually receiving reports of dissatisfaction in the districts around Peking. The officer in command has informed Gen. Gazelee that armed bands of native Christians from the village of South Noons, five miles southeast of Peking, are constantly moving about and levying blackmail. The marauders are reported as being Catholics.

MORGAN'S REPORT

On the Nicaraguan Canal Situation as it Stands.

UNITED STATES WILL CONTROL

The Great Commercial Enterprise, as No Other Country Will Have that Right, Says the Alabamian.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Senator Morgan, chairman of the senate committee on inter-oceanic canals, to which was referred the preliminary report of the Isthmian canal commission, Tuesday submitted a partial report in connection with the protocols of agreements with Costa Rica and Nicaragua, relating to the proposed canal, which were recently submitted to the senate. In the course of the report it is said that the statement of the Walker commission and the protocols referred to have a direct bearing upon what is known as the Hepburn bill, now on the senate calendar.

"That bill" says the report, "is a declaration of the policy of the United States for a canal under control of this government. It is the law of necessity rather than the expectation of profit or advantage to the United States to compel us to own and control a ship canal through Costa Rica and Nicaragua, and the geographical relations of those states to our country and the prestige of the United States among American governments point to us as the power that must incur the expenditure to be invested with the authority to control the canal as a marine highway for ships of all the nations."

"As to basis and conditions, precedent to the accomplishment of this great task of duty the United States must first acquire from Costa Rica and Nicaragua by agreement, the right to construct, own, control and manage the canal. In doing this we must first recognize their several independence and authority over these countries, respectively, and deal with them without any attempt at encroachment on their national rights. The president is not empowered or advised to encroach upon the sovereignty of those states."

The acquisition of the sovereign ownership of a tract of country, including the line of the canal, would separate Nicaragua into two parts, United States would be interposed. An act more fatal to her autonomy cannot be conceived and if her government had the power to do this under her constitution, which forbids any cession of territory to a foreign state, the severance of her territory by such mutilation would destroy its territorial integrity and with it the republic. Such an effort is beyond the purpose of the house bill.

Postmaster Pitkin of New Orleans has resigned.

Chile wants 50,000 tons of coal for railways.

Probably Lynched.

Texarkana, Tex., Dec. 20.—About a week or ten days ago a young white woman was waylaid and criminally assaulted by a negro at Arkadelphia, Ark., who after the commission of the deed made good his escape. The young woman was a telephone operator at Arkadelphia and very popular. Trainmen who came in over the Iron Mountain road report having seen a negro hanging to a telephone pole as the train passed Arkadelphia, and the supposition is that the victim was the young woman's assailant, as it is known a negro answering his description had been arrested a day or two ago at Hot Springs and taken back to Arkadelphia.

Comment on the Nicaraguan canal question in Great Britain is more temperate.

Discussed Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Friends of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty occupied nearly all of the time of the senate in executive session on Tuesday, Senators Morgan and Foraker being the speakers. Previous to the taking up of that treaty the senate, for the purpose of clearing its calendar, disposed of several other treaties of little importance. They were rapidly acted on.

The Booz Case.

New York, Dec. 20.—The military court of inquiry which began taking testimony in the Booz case arrived at the military academy and Tuesday resumed investigation of the charges of hazing and brutal treatment made by the parents of former Cadet Oscar L. Booz, who died a couple of weeks ago in his home in Bristol. A great crowd was present at the opening of the meeting, and until 6 o'clock, the adjournment of the meeting, no one left the room.

Gens. Brooke, Bates and Clous and Capt. Dean questioned the witnesses as to the practice of hazing in the academy, both in the camp and barracks. Sixty-eight members of the class of 1902, to which Booz belonged until he resigned in September, 1898, were summoned to the court and were brought in squads and kept in ante-rooms in the academy building. This is the first time in many years that a court of inquiry has convened at this academy.

The last occasion was the investigation of a case of a colored cadet named Whittaker, who claimed that he had his ears split, but it was finally found that he had done the cutting himself. This was over ten years ago. Four of the sixty-eight cadets of the second-class were examined during the afternoon, and all of them who knew Booz declared that his standing with his classmates was not very high, as they looked upon him as a coward. The story of his fight with Keller in 1898 was told by Cadet O. N. Tyler, who seconded Booz. When asked by the court why he did so, Tyler said:

"Well, Booz asked me to be his second, and I could not well refuse."

Everyone of the witnesses denied that any brutal hazing occurred, and two of them described the "bracing" and "setting-up drills" as only "correctional measures," and neither injurious nor humiliating. They all denied that Booz had been interfered with because of his religious belief or tendencies. Just how long the inquiry here will last could not be said, but one of the officers of the court said they expected to take up the greater part of this week.

Attended Lincoln.

New York, Dec. 20.—Dr. Charles S. Taft of Mount Vernon, N. Y., died at his residence, aged 65 years, of cancer of the throat. Dr. Taft, during the civil war, was connected with the Union army medical corps. On the night Booth shot President Lincoln, Dr. Taft was in the seat in the theatre, directly under the president's box. The doctor was lifted by bystanders into the box. He did what he could for Mr. Lincoln, and remained with the dying president during his removal from the theatre, and was in constant attendance with the other physician till the end.

The Harbors Bill.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The rivers and harbors committee of the house has practically decided not to give out the bill until after the holidays. Provision is to be made for restoring the jetties at Galveston, Texas, and general improvement there at a cost of \$1,000,000. Aransas Pass is to receive \$350,000 and Sabine Pass \$125,000.

Killed by a Burglar.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 20.—C. N. Stone, a prominent insurance man, was shot dead by a burglar early yesterday morning. Awakening, he found the burglar by his bed. He grabbed a gun from under his pillow and fired two shots. Meantime the burglar drew a gun and shot Stone through the heart, killing him instantly. He escaped.

Sides with America.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—Discussing Nicaragua, the Novoe Vremya says that Russia is not interested in the matter, but naturally sides with America.

Boston lost \$200,000 by eight fires Tuesday.

A national bank is to be established at Merkel, Tex.

Senator Weds.

Washington, Dec. 20.—United States Senator W. V. Sullivan of Mississippi and Mrs. Marie Newman Atkins of this city were united in marriage at the parsonage of St. Stephen's church. The bride is the daughter of the late Dr. Newman of this city, who was a well known physician. She has a graceful figure and excellent personality and is an accomplished musician.

Sweet Potatoes and the Rats.

A veteran provision dealer is authority for the statement that nothing will draw rats from a sweet potato store. They seem to be able to smell this toothsome vegetable from afar, and will come in wherever sweet potatoes are sold. In proof of his assertion, the dealer said that he never kept potatoes in his cellar with other stuff, and he had a large cold-storage chest in his cellar. He had previously tried an experiment of packing a basket of sweet potatoes inside and although the rats could not puncture the walls, they did gnaw the woodwork of the chest, trying to get at the tubers.

Makes Her Gift Grow.

A Philadelphia girl has carried out a very pretty idea in the matter of roses. Providing small boxes of sand, she planted therein all the roses that were given her as cut-flower offerings in September and October, and now more than one-half of these things rooted. They have put out the leaves, and the collection is a tree of great interest to herself and friends. She hopes to have a rose garden for next summer. Her first sowing box was a long cigar box, for which she placed a pane of window glass. This gave her a good deal of exercise as she moved it with a sun from window to window.

The W. C. T. U. Latest.

A new departure proposed by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Indiana. That body has resolved to present memorial to the national convention to be held in Washington, D. C., to create a new department to enforce and maintain purity of morals, and that congress be petitioned to pass a law that only pure wines be sold at saloons instead of adulterated liquors. By the enactment of such a law, the W. C. T. U. concludes that the profits would be reduced and saloons would be forced to quit business.

Much Credit Due Empress.

According to a writer in the St. James Gazette, a part of the credit for the wonderful development of Japan in civilization is due to the Empress Haruko. She married the emperor thirty years ago, and like him, is a strong supporter of Western ideas. The emperor is the 121st in his line, and she is the first who has given his wife a seat at his table and a voice in the national councils. She set the example of abandoning the customs of staining the teeth and shaving the eye-brows.

Brewers' Bonanza Days Over.

A leading representative of the brewing interests says that the days of fortune making in the brewery business have passed, and that the large breweries will fail to return a fair percentage of the money invested in them. His explanation of his statement is that there has been a great falling off in the saloon trade, where the profits are largest, and a corresponding increase in the home or bottled trade, where the profits are not so large.

American Girl London Success.

Americans in London are pleased with the conspicuous success of Miss Eleane Calhoun's Salome in Stephen Phillips' "Ierod." Miss Calhoun is a California girl. She was once a member of Coquelin's company, and was sed by that actor to be one of the few Americans able to speak French without an accent.

Formous School Expenditures.

The board of education in the city of New York asks the board of estimate and apportionment for \$14,310,255 for the getting of sites and putting up new school buildings in the coming year. This indicates how immense are the expenditures of the city.

Female Hermits.

Women are seldom hermits, but the story is told of two women, mother and daughter, who lived in Alton, O., a life of seclusion. For fifteen years no neighbor dared knock at the door, and they never wandered beyond the limits of their yard.

Painted Men.

"Woman's vanity proverbial," said a prominent Eastern hairdresser the other day, but the vain man is almost beyond belief. In my business, I am frequently called upon by amateur dramatic societies to make up those who are to take part, and I also give lessons in the art of make-up. Among my pupils have been a great many men who are employed as floorwalkers in large stores. A few lessons usually suffices for their needs, and after that they are able to make themselves up. Of course it isn't a heavy make-up, such as you see on the stage, and you probably wouldn't notice it unless you looked very closely. The effect is that of a beautiful pink-and-white complexion, a slight penciling of the eyebrows, a bit of rouge on the cheeks and a dab of carmine to the lips, nostrils and the lobe of the ear. I know a number of men who bleach their hair, too."

Proof That Their Clothes Are New.

A traveler just returned from a tour of Southern Italy says that one of the peculiar customs of the peasants is the wearing of price marks on new suits of clothes. Whereas, in other countries, the dealer's ticket and tag are removed the moment a suit is bought, in the sunny toe and heel of the European "boot" they are fastened on the tighter and worn until they fall off. The object of this, presumably, is to show neighbors that you have new clothes, bought on such a day and cost as much, at So-and-So's. The same traveler says that the Paris boulevards are literally crowded just now with dog barbers.

A Song Saved Their Lives.

Three men in a boat on the Allegheny river, near Pittsburgh, fell into the water the other night, and not being able to swim, were in danger of drowning. But a companion on the shore began lustily to sing "The Moonlight on the Lake" to encourage them. And although there was no moonlight and no lake in sight, they were so anxious to join in the chorus that they forgot they couldn't swim and kept up until they were rescued.

Novel Use for Bagpipes.

A new use for the bagpipe has been found by a Scottish Highlander who owns a sheep farm in a mountainous district of California, and is in the habit almost daily of playing his pipes all over the ground. The skirling has had the happy effect of scaring eagles out of the locality, which birds of prey had formerly done considerable damage by carrying off lambs, and had even attacked grown sheep.

"Labby" Is 69.

Henry Labouchere, member of parliament and editor of London Truth, completed the 69th year of his life the other day. He has been in politics since 1865, before which date he was in the diplomatic service for some time, attached to the embassy at Rome.

The Girls With Guns.

Twenty-four leading women of Adrien, Mich., have formed themselves into a military company, and will receive weekly instructions in drill from a veteran soldier. Mrs. John Gohagan, wife of the county clerk, has been elected captain.

Moody's Successor.

Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, of London, who has accepted a call to continue the Moody work in this country, says modestly that he intends to "follow in Mr. Moody's footsteps, not to fill his place. No man could do that."

Doesn't Forget the Soldiers.

Miss Helen M. Gould bought three hundred dollars worth of tooth brushes, combs and other toilet articles the first of the week. She will ship them to the soldiers in the Philippines for Christmas.

Accurately Described.

The Mobile (Ala.) Register, since the election, dismisses the topic of fusion with the blunt remark that "it means a sacrifice of principle for pap."