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CHELSEA, MICHIGAN.

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THE NEWS.

Compiled From Late Dispatches.

DOMESTIC.

The visible supply of grain in the United States on the 25th was: Wheat, \$21,443,000 bushels; corn, 18,893,000 bushels; oats, 13,479,000 bushels; rye, 990,000 bushels; barley, 4,875,000 bushels.

William M. & J. S. Van Nortwick, bankers and manufacturers, made an assignment at Batavia, Ill., with liabilities of \$2,000,000.

At the opening day in Washington of the hearings before the ways and means committee in preparation for the framing of a tariff bill representatives of hundreds of millions of dollars made brief statements of their views.

Eleven cracks in the bicycle world entered a six days' eight hours a day, international bicycle contest in Washington.

Statistics from 1,398 industrial establishments in 40 states show that 52,448 less hands were employed in those establishments in 1896 than in 1895, and that \$19,214,448 less was paid out in wages.

Frank E. Clark, for 16 years editor of the Grayville (Ill.) Independent, committed suicide by taking poison. No cause is known.

The Scandia bank at Minneapolis suspended payments with liabilities of \$300,000.

Will Robinson (colored), who killed his sweetheart in a church in Pike county, Mo., was taken to the penitentiary for 102 years.

The large furniture house of Julius Yansburg in Washington was destroyed by fire, the loss being \$100,000.

The McCoy Banking company of Independence, Mo., went into voluntary liquidation with liabilities of \$125,000.

One thousand Chicago saloon keepers have been compelled during the last three months to retire from business because of hard times.

The state of Iowa celebrated its 50th birthday.

The Bank of Superior at Superior, Wis., closed its doors with liabilities of \$100,000.

By the explosion of a lamp Gregor Kirchbaum and his wife were burned to death in their home at Johnston, R. I.

At Stamford, Conn., Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher fell and broke her hip and may be forced to use crutches for the rest of her life. She is 84 years old.

Gov. R. M. Harris, of Indian territory, has called the legislature to meet in extraordinary session at Tishomingo January 5.

At the annual meeting in Chicago of the Northwestern Traveling Men's association William H. Cribben was elected president. The death payments for the year amounted to \$160,400.

Jane county, Kan., has formally been declared insolvent by the county commissioners.

A new counterfeit ten dollar national bank note on the Union national bank of Detroit, Mich., is in circulation. One distinguishable feature is that the back of the note is upside down.

It is announced that Gov. Bradley intends to resign the office of governor of Kentucky at an early date because of failing health.

The wedding of Count Adam de Moltke Huitfeldt, of Denmark, and Miss Louise Eugenie Bonaparte, daughter of the widow of the late Jerome Bonaparte, took place in Washington.

The People's Electric Light & Power company's plant at Newark, N. J., was burned, the loss being \$175,000.

The Columbia national bank in Minneapolis closed its doors with liabilities of \$247,000, and the Washington bank, a state institution in the same city, also suspended.

The Commercial national bank of Roanoke, Va., closed its doors with liabilities of \$100,000.

William W. Whitley and wife, living near Sevierville, Tenn., were murdered in their home by unknown persons.

Henry F. Strauss, aged 72, county clerk of Longlade county, Wis., committed suicide at Antigo. He was a debtor to the amount of \$3,770.

It is official denied at the state department in Washington that Spain has consented to grant home rule to Cuba.

Edward Rosa shot and killed his sweetheart, Miss Mary Brehl, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Stewart, in Forest City, S. D., and then killed himself. Jealousy was the cause.

At Holdrege, Neb., Mrs. D. M. Conrad, a teacher in the public schools, was shot by her husband, who then shot himself. Domestic trouble was the cause.

The Farmers' Trust company at Sioux City, Ia., failed with liabilities of \$135,000.

The factory of the Nelsonville (O.) Sewer Pipe company was burned, the loss being \$100,000.

Mrs. Eliza Tucker, aged 54 years, and her step-daughter, Mrs. William Siebel, aged 30, were killed by an explosion of dynamite at Reading, Pa.

Stories are again told by passengers arriving in Key West, Fla., from Cuba that Antonio Maceo is not dead, but that he is in a hospital recuperating from his wounds.

Levi P. Wyman, aged 64, a famous restaurateur and the founder of "Wyman's sandwich depots," died in Boston from exhaustion produced by three weeks' violent hiccoughing.

William Li-benberg, 27 months old, and his ten-weeks-old brother Jacob, were suffocated by coal gas at their home in New York.

The Bankers' exchange bank at Minneapolis, Minn., has suspended payment.

The Commercial state bank of Selma, Ala., closed its doors with liabilities of \$300,000.

At the annual meeting in St. Louis of the Western Commercial Travelers' association Robert B. Dula, of St. Louis, was elected president.

The Farmers' & Merchants' state bank at Beatrice, Neb., went into voluntary liquidation.

Comptroller of the Currency Eckels says that he feels no apprehension over the bank failures which have occurred of late throughout the country.

Joseph B. McCullagh, aged 54, editor of the Globe-Democrat, threw himself from a window in the third story of his residence in St. Louis and was killed. He had been in poor health for a long time.

After a short absence the wife of George Duttera returned to her home near York, Pa., and found her three children burned to death.

There were 14,900 commercial failures in 1896 in the United States, against 13,197 last year, with liabilities of about \$225,000,000, against \$173,106,050 last year.

Moses Dent and Arthur Clement were drowned at Fairbairn, Minn., while skating on this ice.

The total number of persons who committed suicide in the United States during 1896 is 6,520, as compared with 5,758 in 1895.

The Collinsville (Ill.) zinc works, owned by Mesker Bros., of St. Louis, were damaged by fire to the extent of \$100,000.

The total number of murders committed in the United States in 1896 was 10,052, against 10,500 in 1895, and the total number of hangings was 122, against 132 in 1895.

Joseph Dietz, wife and child were found dead in bed at Struthers, O., having been asphyxiated by gas from a stove.

In a drunken frenzy at his boarding house near Decatur, Ga., Tom Finagan shot and killed G. W. Allen and wife and Miss Ruth Slack.

The Second national bank at Grand Forks, N. D., closed its doors with liabilities of \$150,000.

As accurately as can be estimated 246,346 persons lost their lives in 1896 by disaster, accident, epidemic, war and massacre, against 275,391 in 1895.

The five children of Jacob Vogel, of Sandusky, O., died in ten days from diphtheria.

Two close friends, Charles A. Weyrich, aged 24, and Charles D. Carpenter, aged 25, ended their lives in the Planter's hotel in St. Louis by taking poison. No cause is known for the deed.

Ex-Congressman Augustus W. Cutler died at his residence in Morristown, N. J., from the effects of a surgical operation, aged 61 years.

Edward Wright (colored) was hanged at Wilmington, Del., for killing Ida Crummel (colored), of whom he was jealous, on July 30, 1896.

The production of precious metals in Colorado in 1896 was: Gold, \$16,500,000; silver, \$15,025,000. In Utah the production was: Gold, \$3,896 fine ounces; silver, 8,723,705 fine ounces.

Helen M. Gougar, of Indiana, the pioneer champion of prohibition and universal suffrage, and a member of the central committee of the national prohibition party, has been expelled from that committee.

At the capital in Lansing Hazen S. Pingree was inaugurated governor of Michigan.

Frederick S. Black was inaugurated at Albany as governor of New York.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Arthur Lingard died at Lancaster, Pa., aged 107 years, leaving a fortune of \$2,000,000 and no kin.

Mrs. Lucy Aldrich died at Butler, Ind., aged 101 years.

Miss Cora Edith English was married in Springfield to John Riley Tanner, governor-elect of Illinois. The ceremony was performed in St. Paul's cathedral by the rector, Rev. F. W. Taylor.

Lutship W. Bancker, who enjoyed the distinction of being the oldest living clown except Dan Rice, died in Philadelphia, aged 75 years.

At Louisville, Ky., over 1,000 relatives and friends witnessed the wedding of William H. Harrison, 103 years old, to Mrs. William Harrison, aged 101 years.

Henry Gordon Forker, until recently managing editor of the Chronicle, died at his home in Chicago, aged 28 years.

The state republican executive committee of Tennessee has decided to contest the election of Robert L. Taylor for the seat of governor of the state.

Rear Admiral Joseph S. Sherritt (retired) died in Washington, aged 64 years.

Samuel M. Young, the oldest railroad director in the world, died in Toledo, O., in his 91st year.

FOREIGN.

A landslide entirely destroyed the village of Santa Ana de Polago, Italy, demolishing 118 houses and rendering 150 families homeless. There was no loss of life.

Julio Sanguilly, a citizen of the United States residing in Cuba, charged with conspiracy to overthrow the Spanish rule, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

In a landslide at Ratmore, England, a laborer's house was overwhelmed, and the man, his wife and seven children were buried.

Nine lives were lost and a great amount of property was destroyed by a landslide near Rathmore, Ireland.

The Spanish steamer Carranza foundered on the Bay of Biscay off Santander and 20 of the crew were drowned.

A large portion of the city of Chuan Tung, China, was carried away by a landslide and 3,000 Chinese were drowned.

Famine is prevailing to an alarming extent in the province of Kherson, Russia.

Sir Alexander Milne, admiral of the royal fleet, who was once in command of the North American station, died in London, aged 20 years.

A cyclone destroyed the town of New-ertire, N. S. W., and several persons were killed.

The 57th birthday of Hon. William E. Gladstone was celebrated at his home in Hawarden.

Horatio Hale, an authority on Indian dialects, died at Clinton, Ont., aged 80 years.

Japan has now a larger carrying trade on the broad Pacific than the United States.

Archbishop Fabre, the head of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Montreal, died at the age of 69 years.

The Spanish premier, Senor Canovas del Castillo, in Madrid, says that Spain will not accept intervention in Cuba nor introduce reforms in that island so long as the rebellion is not confined to the eastern provinces.

Gen. Luis Rivera, who succeeded Antonio Maceo at the head of the patriot forces in the province of Pinar-del-Rio, Cuba, is reported as having died from wounds.

Fire in the Santa Gertrud mine at Pachuca, Mexico, caused the death of 14 persons.

The French coasting steamer Deax Freres foundered in the English channel and her crew of 15 men were drowned.

LATER.

The total government receipts during December were \$25,557,114, and the expenditures \$23,812,664, which leaves a surplus for the month of \$2,044,450. For the six months of the fiscal year a deficit is shown of \$87,902,397.

Sixteen men perished in the wrecking of the filibustering steamer Commodore, which was sunk about 20 miles off New Smyrna.

The Omaha (Neb.) savings bank closed its doors with liabilities of \$850,000; assets, \$1,000,000.

A battle was fought in the Philippine islands at Bulacan, resulting in the defeat of the insurgents, of whom 3,000 were killed. Of the Spaniards, 25 were killed.

The State savings bank at Whitehall, Mich., closed its doors with liabilities of \$100,000.

William A. Hammond, aged 45 years, second vice president of the National Bank of Illinois, that failed recently in Chicago, committed suicide by drowning himself in Lake Michigan.

The fiftieth general assembly of Tennessee convened at Nashville for a session to last 75 days.

A Missouri Pacific freight train ran into a landslide near New Haven, Mo., killing Engineer Homer Evans, Fireman Henry Forkup and brakeman J. M. McQueen.

J. J. Davidson, of Beaver, Pa., the republican congressman-elect for the Twenty-fifth district, died at the age of 38 years.

A cyclone struck and almost literally demolished the town of Mooringsport, La., and killed the four children of Jesse Goodman. Many other persons were injured, some fatally.

Justice R. Rothrock, after 20 years of judicial service, has retired from the supreme court of Iowa.

Joseph Wilham, 17 years old, was married near Deerfield, N. H., to Mrs. Georgina Rivers, 97 years old. It was the groom's third and the bride's fourth matrimonial venture.

A fire which started in Lebeck's dry goods store in Nashville, Tenn., destroyed ten buildings, the total loss being \$400,000.

A severe earthquake shock was felt at Ottawa, Ont.

The public debt statement issued on the 2d showed that the debt decreased \$2,830,377 during the month of December. The cash balance in the treasury was \$553,463,551. The total debt, less the cash balance in the treasury, amounts to \$1,221,240,961.

MONEY BY RAIL.

Special Train Carries \$50,000 to End a Run on a Bank.

Colorado Springs, Col., Jan. 4.—The attempt to make a run on the First national bank of Cripple Creek is the subject of a great deal of comment in the city. Mr. H. K. Devereaux, vice president of the bank, returned on the special train which went to Cripple Creek from here with \$50,000 of President Parker's money to relieve the situation. The whole affair was carried out in a dramatic way, the officers arriving on the scene in the midst of the panic with the cash to relieve the situation. A rumor had been started December 30, or perhaps some days previous, that the bank could not withstand the withdrawal of a good deal of money and in consequence the bank would not open on the day after the first of the year.

This report came to the ears of President Parker, of the bank, and on New Year's day he came to this city and arranged to get money to take to Cripple Creek Saturday morning. He had these arrangements with the First national bank of this city and they had their time locks so arranged they could be opened at seven o'clock in the morning. Cashier Sutton was on hand at that hour and got the money out for them, but how much money was taken he refused to state. Half an hour later a special train consisting of an engine and one coach was in waiting at the Teton street station of the Colorado Midland railroad, and President Parker and Vice President Devereaux were taken on board. They left here at 7:30 promptly and made the fastest run ever made by the road, getting into Cripple Creek in two hours and three minutes. The run from Denver to Cripple Creek over the terminal, 30 miles of three per cent. grade, was made in 54 minutes, and the delivery of currency occurred in the midst of the run.

ENVOY OF BIMETALLISM.

Senator Wolcott Goes to Attend an International Conference.

New York, Jan. 4.—Senator Wolcott sailed on the Campania Saturday as the envoy of bimetalism. Before the end of this month an international conference in the interest of bimetalism will be held in London. The representatives of five governments will be present. The conference will be informal, but those who will meet are accredited representatives of their governments and out of this meeting will grow a formal conference. The bimetallic league of Great Britain has been for some time working for this end, and a deep enough interest in bimetalism in the United States, France, Germany and Russia for them to send representatives to the conference has resulted.

Senator Wolcott, the representative from this country, said just before sailing: "This conference will be entirely unimportant. My invitation comes from prominent bimetalists in England. This is an auspicious time for discussing the subject. I feel very hopeful that something will grow out of our meeting." Senator Wolcott declined to discuss his powers, which were bestowed by the congressional caucus with the advice and consent of President-elect William McKinley.

MINERS QUIT WORK.

Strike Against a Reduction in an Ohio Coal District.

Massillon, O., Jan. 4.—The employees of all the mines in this district, about 2,000 men, have struck on account of a reduction in the price of pick mining, from 61 to 51 cents per ton. The notices of reduction state that, as a rate of 60 cents has been agreed upon in Pennsylvania, under the long established system whereby the Ohio rate is nine cents less than that of the Pittsburgh district, the 51-cent rate will be established and maintained. If, however, the joint convention of operators and miners to be held at Columbus, January 12, shall fix a higher rate for the Hocking valley than 51 cents, the Massillon operators will pay that rate from January 1, provided the miners in the Massillon district continue at work during the month of January.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Chicago Judge Attacks Validity of Indeterminate Sentence Law.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Judge Gibbons held Saturday that the section of the Illinois statutes of 1893 relating to indeterminate sentences to the penitentiaries and reformatories of the state was unconstitutional, and therefore void. The case on trial was a habeas corpus proceeding brought by Charles Henning against the warden of Joliet penitentiary for his release. The judge did not release the prisoner, however, saying that he wanted the supreme court to pass on the validity of the act. He relied for his decision upon the constitutional provision that every man is entitled to a trial by jury, which was construed to mean that the jury should fix the defendant's punishment.

OMAHA SAVINGS BANK CLOSED.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 4.—The Omaha savings bank failed to open its doors Saturday morning, and is in the hands of the state banking board. The total liability of the institution is between \$850,000 and \$900,000, and the assets exceed this by \$200,000. The securities are excellent, and but little loss can result to depositors. The bank has been in existence for 15 years. It has no connection with any other bank and will not cause other Omaha institutions any inconvenience.

Keep

Your blood pure, your appetite good and your digestive organs in healthy condition at this season, and thus avoid serious illness, by taking

Hood's Sarsaparilla

The best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills cure nausea, indigestion, biliousness. 25 cents.

THROWN AT THE WOMEN.

A woman never makes so many excuses to company for the looks of the house as she does just after she has spent two whole days getting it ready. —N. Y. Press.

A woman thinks that she has excellent taste if she admires anything in a store window and finds upon inquiry afterward that the price is high. —Arlington Globe.

Judge (to a couple sentenced for fighting)—"Have you anything to say?" Male Defendant—"I would like to have my wife commence her term in prison after I am released." —German Exchange.

The Washington female physician who willed that her body should be dissected by feminine medical students bestowed a high favor upon her sex and showed a desire to gratify the passion every woman has to pick another woman to pieces. —St. Louis Republic.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No-To-Bac from your own druggist, who will guarantee a cure. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedial Co., Chicago or New York.

There are said to be three men in Arlington who paid for monuments to the memory of their wives' first husbands. —Arlington Globe.

Quess—"This wine is really excellent!" Host—"No, it isn't." "This fellow is either an ignoramus or he is the usual wine-sold man that wine." —Pittsburg Blatter.

Pier's Cure for Consumption has saved no many a doctor's bill. —S. F. HARRY, Hopkins Place, Baltimore, Md., Dec. 2, '96.

No INVITATION, we think, ever caused quite as much talk as the telephone. —Yonkers Statesman.

WREN billions or soative, eat a Cascaret, candy cathartic, cure guaranteed, 10c, 25c.

No one can study eloquence and not be affected afterward. —Arlington Globe.

A Missourian always likes to cut a box or whistle when he is drinking.

Smoking, drinking, frolics. Use St. Jacobs Oil—cures promptly. Cools the fever. This reformer is a living declaration of war. —Ham's Horn.

A dull, aching pain—neuralgia. Its sure cure—St. Jacobs Oil.

Nobody says "yes," everybody says "yeh." —Arlington Globe.

There are no excuses not to use St. Jacobs Oil for bruises.

Seven out of ten men who order raw oysters do not like them. —Arlington Globe.

Cascarets stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripe, 10c.

The Evil Eye.

Superstition that an evil eye may be cast upon a person to bring all sorts of trouble and misfortune. That seems like a pretty foolish notion; but it isn't much worse than some of the notions which civilized people indulge in. One worn out superstition is the belief that if a man inherits weak lungs from his parents he is pretty sure to die of consumption. The actual fact is that if such a man will only take proper care of himself he will really be safer from consumption than a careless person who has no inherited weakness. Carelessness is the real evil eye. Carelessness will develop a tendency to consumption in any body.

The lungs are composed of very delicate, sensitive tissue, even in the healthiest person; that is why they yield so quickly to the attack of tainted blood. If the blood is allowed to get impure and impoverished, and bile-poisoned, the seeds of consumption will spring up in the best kind of a constitution. The real consumption-taint is in the blood.

Hundreds of cases of so-called "hereditary" consumption have been completely and permanently rooted out of the system by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, simply because it gives the blood-making glands power to pour a fresh abundant supply of rich, red, healthy, blood into the circulation. This drives out all poisonous and unhealthy germs. It stops the waste of tissue and the formation of morbid deposits; builds up fresh, normal, healthy lung tissue and solid, muscular strength.

In all the weakened debilitated conditions which are the forerunners of consumption, Dr. Pierce's Discovery is the most perfect nutritive and strengthening medicine. It is assimilated by the system.

CHAS. W. PIERCE, M.D., SMALL'S COUGH SYRUP, KIDNEY PILLS, AND OTHER REMEDIES.

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The sultan rarely goes to bed at night to rise in the morning, like ordinary mortals. It is usually dawn ere he retires, and at 8 o'clock he is stirring again. He has no confidence in those around him, and his life appears to be worth hardly a day's purchase. The covers of the trays of dishes served to him are soiled in the kitchen and are broken at the table.

The coinage of gold dollars was discontinued in 1890. Prior to that time nearly 20,000,000 gold dollars had been coined, and many of them are still in active circulation. The first of them were coined under a law passed in 1839, two days before Zachary Taylor was inaugurated. The \$3 gold pieces, coined between 1858 and 1890, were 77 grains in weight, and there are of them outstanding \$1,500,000 worth.

The closing of Robert Deall's bookstore in Washington removes one of the capital's landmarks. The store dates back to the early fifties, to the time when the present proprietor, then a young clerk, branched out for himself. An order for \$1,000 worth of books, procured through John Sherman's favor, set him on his feet. Webster, Sumner, Winthrop, Toombs, Alexander Stephens and other ante-bellum statesmen were Deall's frequent customers.

On the western coast of Africa the natives suffer from a fatal malady known as the sleeping disease. The person attacked by it is seized with a sensation of drowsiness, which continues to increase in spite of the efforts made to throw it off. Finally the patient sinks into a profound sleep, which continues for about three weeks, or until death ensues. The most curious feature of the disease is that apart from the drowsiness the patient seems much as usual.

A BIOGRAPHER of Nansen relates that before he was ten years old little Fridtjof learned to feel quite at home among the hills and forests of Normandy. He would occasionally disappear for days at a time. When a student of science and curator in the Bergen museum he would all of a sudden start on a solitary snowshoeing expedition over the frozen mountain tops in mid-winter to nourish his spirit on the glories of the midnight sun—the moon, the stars and the dancing aurora.

The corpse plant is the name of a remarkable carnivorous specimen that grows in the Colony of Natal. Its principal feature is a bell-shaped throat, opening into a hollow stem. It is almost black and covered with a thick, glutinous secretion, while its odor is very offensive. This attracts carrion-feeding birds to it, and, once they alight on it, they are lost. Their claws become entangled in the secretion, the bell-shaped mouth folds up and they are literally swallowed.

Princess Henry of Prussia has sent an appeal to every English woman married to a German in the German empire. The princess wishes to collect from her fellowcountrywomen a sum of money to buy a handsome present to give to Queen Victoria on the occasion of the close of the sixtieth year of her reign. Hundreds of Englishwomen have responded to the appeal and the sum collected is likely to be a large one. More Englishwomen are married to Germans than to members of any other foreign nation.

It is announced that commencing with January 1, 1897, the city of Glasgow, Scotland, will cease to levy taxes of any kind. The city authorities have ascertained that from that date the entire expenses of the city for the future can be borne by incomes received from public works owned by the city. The city owns the street railways, gas and electric light plants, water works, sewerage farms, tenement houses and other institutions, all of which are paying large sums into the city treasury.

Oil is now used on warships for partially heating the boilers. This is one of the most notable departures from the modern methods of producing heat in boilers for many years, and it will prove the success anticipated if it will probably be used by every nation possessing a fleet of war vessels. The new oil is a product of the distillation of lignite, and is dark brown in color, the flame being very bright and absolutely smokeless. Its heating power is declared to be greatly superior to coal, and its cost about the same.

The question whether natural gas is a mineral could only have assumed importance under the tariff act. The question is now pending in the United States circuit court of New York grows out of the piping of gas from a point in Ontario across the line into that state. The customs officers held that it was subject to a duty of ten per cent, as a "raw or unmanufactured article not otherwise enumerated," while the pipeline company maintained that as a crude mineral, not affected by any manufacturing process, it was free.

IN MEMORY'S MIRROR.

A little curl'd head in the rectory pew,
A young face glowing with boyish pride,
A lance of glass where the sun peers through
From the great green world outside.
There's a glimmer of sky 'twixt the wind-
stirred trees,
A swallow darts past upon widespread wings,
And the child's thoughts float with the bird
And the breeze
Mid dreams of wonderful things.

The grave voice pleads from the pulpit high,
The windows burn like a sheet of fire,
And a great red admiral butterfly
Flits over the drowsy squire.
There's a subtle fragrance of mignonette
From the graveyard, tended with loving care,
Like a mingling of hope with the sharp regret
For those that are sleeping there.

The clock in the bellry is chiming four,
The rustic worshippers go their way,
And the organ uplifts once more
A hymn for the dying day.
And the boy treads lightly the echoing flags,
And frets, as only a young heart can,
That life moves slowly and Time's foot lags.

Ere the child can put on the man,
A soul that looks through a mist of tears,
As one that straineth his eyes to see,
And seeks far off in the shadowy years
Himself as he used to be—
An innocent self that he used to know
Ere the seasons had rounded a double seven.

And the marvelous earth was still a glow
With the mystical light of Heaven.
The day is waning, the night draws near;
The traveler, sighting the goal at last,
Looks backward where memory-mirrors gleam.

The face of the vanished past,
Oh, well for the soul that, mid life's loud din,
It walked with remembrance undimmed,
That the heart of the man is still akin
To the childish heart of the child—
—Christian Burke, in London Argosy.

BIDDY'S WAGER.

BY O. D. DUNHAM.

THE owners of the O. K. ranch worked their men early and late throughout the summer, but in the winter months the whole duty of man was comprised in riding the pastures and waiting for spring. A man good enough or lucky enough to be retained throughout the winter was on velvet. Of ten men usually kept through, two were sufficient to ride the pastures and keep the fences in repair; eight could wait for spring.

There were other vocations, such as learning to fiddle. Rime Jenks worked at that for years. The third season I asked him if he could yet play any tunes. "Not yet," said he, hopefully, "but I can start a few."

There was always some card playing, there was some reading, and an occasional trip to town. The youngsters did considerable letter writing to correspondents secured through a matrimonial paper known on the range as the Gizzard and Flit. These various industries were ad libitum; the one occupation which never palls on the cowboy who has worked hard all summer, and whose pay is going right on through stormy weather, is waiting for spring.

The O. K. ranch lay in a narrow and fertile valley, and at about this time the encroachment of actual settlers began to perplex the owners and annoy the men. In one season a great part of the valley had been preempted, and where last year was an unlimited open water front, with not a house in sight, it had become dotted with settler's cabins and notices to keep off the grass. Only eight miles below the ranch, in a bend of the river where we had many a time held a bunch of cattle while cutting out, a schoolhouse had been

built. When settlers come to stay, the big cattle herds have to move on. Schoolhouses are pretty good evidences of permanent settlement.

This opened for the first time in charge of a teacher imported for the position from "the states," and every man on the ranch rode around that way to inspect the fences. A bright-eyed, fresh-faced girl is a pleasant sight to a man, whether he be afoot or on horseback, and as she stood in the door, with a look of curiosity as to what manner of men were these trooping by, any man of the company would have given his boots for the right to doff his hat and say: "Good-morning!"

After we had passed by Robert raised

the question whether he, as the old man of the party, should not have done so. "I don't think," he said, "that we showed proper respect to the young lady to all go by a-looking out of the corner of our eye and nary a man saying a word."

The boys laughed, but Robert was serious. Then Biddy offered him a wager. "I'll bet you that I get a letter from that girl before you do."

"Biddy, you're a fool," said Robert; "that's a sensible girl, and you been so focc'd with them correspondents in the Gizzard and Flit you don't know enough to know you'll never get a letter from a sensible girl. I'll take your bet, and if you don't get your letter in one month you got to do my work all winter."

"Done," said Biddy. On reflection Biddy would not have offered such a wager. The beauty of



"I'VE BEAT YOU," SAID HE.

Biddy's character was that his second thoughts came so long after his first thoughts that there was time for much action between. In the matter of this bet he took action at once by writing under an assumed name to the teacher, about three of his children residing in another county and asking on what terms they would be received into her school. In due time his letter was answered by the trustee to whom it had been referred. He next wrote Miss Bell, saying he understood she wished to buy a saddle horse, and might he bring one for inspection. No answer to this.

Finally he tried what he could do at shorter range. He secured an introduction to the lady, met her several times, and presently his second thoughts began to stir. What seemed to him easy enough on the day he rode by the schoolhouse was now impossible. He did not see how he could have become involved in such an attempt. He heartily scorned himself. Riding home in this mood, which he fancied showed rather fine feeling, but which really arose from conscious failure, Biddy looked up Robert to acknowledge himself beaten; but Robert was off to town and did not show up again until after Christmas.

Robert, who had ridden by the schoolhouse many times since the term began, had happened to read a newspaper item about a Christmas custom in some foreign land, of sending gifts to the most beautiful lady. I suppose it was a fairy tale, for there never has been in any place any one most beautiful lady, but it struck Robert as an eminently proper custom. He cut the item out; he rode by the school house once again to confirm his judgment; he made his dispositions accordingly.

On Christmas morning, the young teacher was surprised to find at her door Robert's best horse, with saddle and bridle, and a note saying that Robert sent them on the authority of the enclosed newspaper slip; that he really could use the horse no longer—too old—and would she do him the favor to take the old swagback off his hands?

Miss Bell, who was learning to use a typewriter, sat down to the machine and wrote a note of thanks declining the horse as a gift, but accepting the use of him for the winter, and assuring Mr. Robert that she was not the lady referred to in the story.

Two days later Robert brought this letter into the mess house while the boys were at supper.

"I've beat you," said he to Biddy. "I didn't want no letter, and I didn't expect none; but here it is, and she thinks I can't read writing—it's printed."

"Why, that thing," said Scotty, "is no letter. That's a circular. She sends them out to every fellow who gives her a horse."

"That's straight," said another; "I hear she has a whole band of saddle horses down in Johnson's pasture."

"Boys, shut up," said Robert, gently. "I'll leave it to the foreman whether I win."

The foreman decided that a printed communication is not a letter, and, as Biddy had received no letter, that he had lost the wager.

That night the boys considered the matter over their pipes, and rendered the unanimous opinion that betting is immoral when you lose, and that Robert and Biddy, having both lost, should ride the pastures all winter while the rest of us waited for spring.—G. B. Dunham, in San Francisco Argonaut.

Hamburg claims to have now the largest central telephone office in the world, with 10,000 connections, nearly double the number in Paris, London or Berlin.

MICHIGAN STATE NEWS.

Children of the State.
The report of the state public school at Coldwater for the full biennial period ending June 30, 1896, says:

The total number of children received since the opening of the school in 1874 is 2,561. Of this number 2,655 were boys and 1,336 girls. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, 118 boys and 69 girls were received at the school. During the last year covered by the report 140 boys and 93 girls were received, the increase in the attendance being quite marked. It is an interesting fact that 33.1 per cent. of all children received have been girls. July 1, last, there were in the school 137 children, of whom 121 were boys and 16 girls. There were 14 on trial, of whom 91 were boys and 51 were girls, making a total in the immediate care of the school of 279, together with 1,057 others from whom reports are being received, or a grand total of 1,336 in the care of the school.

Smallest Twins Ever Born.
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Munroe, living just across the state line from La Grange, Ind., are the parents of male infants believed by physicians to be the smallest twins ever born in America. Their combined weight is 28 ounces and they were bright and healthy. They will be named William McKinley Munroe and Garret Hobart Munroe, and letters will be mailed to their distinguished namesakes notifying them of the fact.

Health in Michigan.
During the week ended October 29 reports sent in by 67 observers in various portions of the state indicate that inflammation of the kidneys increased and scarlet fever and pneumonia decreased in area of prevalence. Consumption was reported at 153 places, typhoid fever at 32, diphtheria at 57, scarlet fever at 45, measles at 20 and whooping cough at 22 places.

Want a New County.
A strong effort will be made for a new county from contiguous portions of Ontonagon, Houghton and Gogebic counties, all interested in lumbering. The towns of Even, Matchwood, Port, Trout Creek and Choate are desirous of being set off from Ontonagon county, and Marquette and Watersmeet from Gogebic, and Laird and Duncan from Houghton.

Convicted of Murder.
Frank Ashley was convicted at Detroit of the murder of James Magee and was at once sentenced to life imprisonment. On a former trial of the case the jury disagreed. Ashley had an old grudge against his victim and called at the house in the middle of the night, and when Magee appeared Ashley shot him dead.

Three Prisoners Paroled.
Gov. Rich has signed three paroles that cause the release of George Wilcox, sent to state prison June 12, 1895, for 2½ years for adultery; Rudolph Weisberg, sent February 20, 1893, for seven years for manslaughter, and John C. Cummings, sent January 5, 1893, for five years for larceny.

Hard Times in Emmet County.
Severe destitution prevails in the country and small villages of Emmet county. School authorities cannot collect or borrow money, and teachers can get no pay but district orders, and these are not accepted in the cities as of any value.

Brief Items of News.
James Brown, 68 years of age, a farmer, died from wounds inflicted by a robber who shot him in his home at Millington.

Fire destroyed the large dryer connected with the Esty furniture factory in Owosso, together with 100,000 feet of dry lumber. Loss, \$25,000.

Erastus Thatcher, the first mayor of Pontiac, died at his home in that city, aged 75 years.

At the close of a scuffle at Muskegon, and thinking he was about to be set on by a crowd of roughs, Patrolman Fitzsimmons shot and probably fatally wounded Sidney Pearson, of Chicago.

Fire in the retail hardware store of D. S. Phelps in Detroit did damage estimated at \$10,000.

The entire business section of Eagle village, in Clinton county, was wiped out by fire.

A new counterfeit ten-dollar national bank note on the Union national bank of Detroit, Mich., is in circulation. One distinguishable feature is that the back of the note is upside down.

Miss Lillie Belcher committed suicide at Burr Oak by swallowing morphine. The cause was disappointment in love. School taxes are evidently not paid with great promptness in Montmorency county. Two schools in Hillman township have closed for lack of funds.

Levi J. Shaw, of Alpena, who recently made a murderous attack upon his wife, cutting her head open with a hatchet, has been sentenced to five years in prison at Jackson.

The "primeval forests" are being cut in Livingston county. Sawmills, giant portable kind, are converting the forests into railroad ties, car timbers and furniture lumber.

Victor M. Moon, who escaped from the Iowa prison four months ago, has three years to serve for being captured at La Crosse, Wis., and is now back in his cell in the reformatory.

The retail dry goods store of Grabower suspended business on account of a quiet with liabilities.

Frank Camel, of

MINERALS AND METALS.

Statistics of Their Production During the Past Year.

New York, Jan. 2.—The Engineering and Mining Journal says the production of minerals and metals in the United States for the year 1895 is given at a total value of \$653,311,465, showing a decrease as compared with 1895 of \$24,089,206, or about 3½ per cent. This decrease was largely in value rather than in quantities; in none of the chief articles was there any marked decrease, while in several there were considerable increase. The total production of metals in the year 1895 was valued at \$242,311,481, an increase of \$1,004,113 over the previous year; while the value of non-metallic substances was \$410,000,987, a decrease of \$20,885,377 from 1895. A large part of this was due to the lower values of coal, stone and a few other important substances, very little resulting from the smaller quantities.

The production of gold reached the great total of \$7,000,000, a gain of \$10,160,500. This extraordinary advance, which far surpasses the gain reported from any other country in the world, puts the United States far in the lead of the producing countries. Our output of gold was no less than 20 per cent. of the total reported for the entire world.

The production of pig iron has been 3,768,869 long tons. The decrease from 1895 being only 677,439 tons, or about seven per cent. The production of lead from domestic ores amounted to 175,777 short tons, showing an increase of 20,863 tons over the preceding year. In addition to this there were 79,000 tons produced from imported ores, or refined from imported bullion.

The production of silver from domestic ores reached a total of 45,165,173 fine ounces, showing a decrease of 865,062 ounces. There were produced or refined from foreign ores and bullion by our smelters and other works no less than 40,000,000 fine ounces of silver, making the total quantity refined or put into final marketable form in this country 85,165,173 fine ounces.

The output of bituminous coal was 141,770,000 tons, showing a gain of 4,371,753 tons. On the other hand, there was a decrease of 6,782,057 short tons in the anthracite production. The total coal production was therefore 193,351,027 short tons, and the total decrease as compared with 1895 was 2,410,305 tons.

USED HIS REVOLVER.

Defendant in a Divorce Case Creates Excitement in a Courtroom.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—During the progress of his wife's suit for divorce in the circuit court room No. 6, at 11 o'clock, Jacob Fischel, of No. 557½ Manchester road, attempted to kill his wife, her uncle, Julius Schreiber, and himself. Mrs. Fischel was in court, attended by a number of friends and by her attorney, Walter McEntire. During the proceedings Fischel arose with a motion to have Judge Wood set aside a decree for alimony which he was ordered to pay, until the settlement of the case. While he was talking Attorney McEntire motioned Mrs. Fischel to leave the courtroom with him. They started out, followed by Julius Schreiber, and had just reached the door when Fischel drew a revolver and began shooting. One bullet passed through Attorney McEntire's overcoat and struck Mrs. Fischel in the back of the left shoulder. Her uncle ran to her assistance, and, as he was bending over the back of the prostrate woman, Fischel fired a bullet into Schreiber's breast. He turned the weapon upon himself, but Attorney McEntire struck his arm and the bullet lodged in the floor. The wildest confusion reigned in the crowded courtroom. Spectators rushed screaming from their seats, lawyers jumped behind benches and Judge Wood ran from the bench and sought safety behind a cabinet. The doors were barred before Fischel could escape and he was immediately taken to the police station by a squad of policemen. Dr. William F. Kier attended Mrs. Fischel and Mr. Schreiber and says their wounds, although serious, are not necessarily fatal.

Woe in China.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—The steamer Fern brings news of a severe famine in western China. It is particularly severe in Sze Chuen province, where there has been a prolonged rain, causing floods, which have spread over vast areas of country, desolating almost the entire rice and vegetable crops. The inhabitants are dying by scores from starvation, and a large portion of the city of Chuan Tung, on a bluff at a bend in the river, was carried under the flood by a landslide and 3,000 of the starving Chinese were drowned. The flood had undermined the base of the bluff and a portion of the hill, about five acres in extent, was plunged into the water.

Madstone's Eighty-Seventh Birthday.

London, Dec. 30.—Mr. Gladstone celebrated his 87th birthday at Hawarden Tuesday, surrounded by his family. There was the usual demonstration of the villagers in honor of the old man, consisting of the ringing of the bells and the assignment of deputations to proceed to the castle and congratulate the venerable statesman. The day there was an enormous quantity of congratulatory telegrams sent to the castle from all parts of the kingdom, the United States and the continent.

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Chelsea and Vicinity.

Mrs. Gus Warren is on the sick list. Miss Warren, of Dexter, was a Chelsea visitor Tuesday.

Dr. J. C. Buell, of Rives, was a Chelsea visitor last Friday.

John Girsch is dangerously ill with typhoid pneumonia.

James Wade visited friends in Manchester last Tuesday.

Born, Jan. 5, 1897, to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Chandler, a daughter.

B. Haberstroh, of Jackson, spent a few days in town the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. L. Gilbert spent the holidays in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Joseph Anderson, of Danton, was the guest of relatives here last week.

Edward Monroe spent the holidays with his mother at Whitehall, Mich.

Miss Millie Hepler, of Cadillac, was the guest of her parents during the holidays.

Mrs. D. W. Chadwick and daughter, of Stockbridge, called on friends here last week.

Miss Emma Seld, of Francisco, was the guest of the Misses Girsch a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Webster spent several days the past week with relatives at Florence, Ont.

Miss Agnes McKune, of Detroit, who spent New Year's with her parents, has returned home.

Mrs. Wm. Ide, of Brooklyn, Mich., spent the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. L. Emmer.

A regular meeting of Olive Chapter No. 168, O. E. S., will be held Wednesday evening, Jan. 18.

The G. A. R. state encampment will be held in Greenville Wednesday and Thursday, April 7 and 8, 1897.

Mrs. Geo. E. Davis, who has been visiting friends at Bluffton, Ind., is dangerously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Joseph Schatz and daughter, Miss Sophia, spent New Year's Day with relatives and friends in Jackson.

Mrs. Lewis Way, of Jackson, and Mr. Roy Champlin, of Dowagiac, spent New Year's with Miss Mae Trouton.

Miss Barbara Doll, of Detroit, who was called home by her father's death, returned to the metropolis last Monday.

The Misses Anna Neckel and Katie Staffan, who have been visiting friends in Detroit and Monroe, have returned home.

Messrs. H. S. Holmes and B. Parker went to Lansing last Friday and were present at the inauguration of Gov. Pinch.

The Misses Mary McKune, Katharine McGuire and Winifred Cassidy returned last Monday to continue their studies at St. Joseph's Academy, Adrian.

Chas. W. Miller, of Lyndon, who has been taking a business course at the Cleary College, Ypsilanti, received his diploma last week, having completed his studies.

Luke Jordan, for many years a resident of Chelsea, died at Ann Arbor Thursday, Dec. 24, 1896, aged 75 years. The funeral was held from St. Joseph's church, Dexter, Saturday, Dec. 26, 1896.

The Men's Sodality of St. Mary's church, Chelsea, will hold its annual election of officers next Sunday, Jan. 10, 1897, after high mass, and the Ladies' Sodality will have their election of officers for the ensuing year next Sunday, Jan. 10, after the low mass.

Secretary of State Gardner last week transmitted to Gov. Eliot a census bulletin covering dwellings and persons in a dwelling in Michigan. The number of dwellings in the state is reported at 483,685. The total population is 2,241,041, an average of 4.66 persons to each dwelling.

The funeral of the late Mr. Henry Doll was held from St. Mary's church last Saturday. There was a very large attendance of relatives and friends. The services were very solemn and impressive. Mr. Doll had many friends, who admired his many noble qualities of head and heart.

The interment was in Mt. Olivet cemetery, Chelsea.

Annual reports received at the headquarters of the Seventh Day Adventists, Battle Creek, show that the denomination now has: Ministers, 430; licentiates, 287; churches, 1,480; membership, 52,202; titles given the past year, \$341,077.37. This is an increase as follows: Ten ministers, 808 churches, 4,522 members, and \$382,835.61 in titles. There are thirty-seven organized conferences.

There is a place near Chelsea called Jerusalem—it is a New Jerusalem, but it isn't a straight and narrow path that leads there. The people of that burg are peculiar, though not lazy, but as they sit on the corner, trimming up a dry goods box with their jack-knives, they wink at each other in a solemn way and wonder if McKinley is the man that is to pave their streets with gold.—Plymouth Mail.

Farmers' Institute.

Arrangements were perfected by Mr. Stumphouseau at a meeting held here Jan. 6 for the holding of a county farmers' institute at the town hall, Chelsea, on the 19th and 20th of January. The program is replete with interesting subjects and exercises. Several speakers of the best talent in the state will address the meeting.

Mrs. Mayo, of Battle Creek, will address the ladies in the afternoon of the second day, at one of the churches. Subject, "Mother and Daughter."

As this is entirely free to those who attend, it is hoped that the number present will be large.

The rendering of fine instrumental and vocal music, interspersed through the exercises, will be provided for. Bring your families.

A warm place will be provided for eating lunches.

The Coldwater School.

According to the report of the superintendent of the state public school at Coldwater for the past two years the total number of children received since the opening of the school in 1874 is 8,901. Of this number 2,655 were boys and 1,986 girls. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, 118 boys and 89 girls were received at the school. During the last year covered by the report 140 boys and 98 girls were received, the increase in the attendance being quite marked. It is an interesting fact that 89 per cent of all children received have been girls, while during the past year 40 per cent have been girls.

The New Medical Bill.

The meeting of the Michigan medical legislation league in Lansing recently resulted in the formation of a bill to be submitted to the legislature for the purpose of regulating the practice of medicine in the state.

The bill as agreed upon was mainly the same as that passed by the legislature two years ago with all objectionable and unconstitutional features eradicated. It provides for a board of registration consisting of nine members from the different schools of medicine, for the registration of all doctors now practicing in the state and for four ways in which doctors may be admitted to practice in the future, as follows:

First—By being already in practice in the state and registering.

Second—By a certificate of registration from another state.

Third—By passing an examination before the board.

Fourth—By possessing a diploma from a recognized medical college having at least a four years' course.

The bill does not contemplate the requiring of the examination of any doctor practicing in the state, but simply those who wish to begin to practice in the state hereafter who are not provided with the required diploma or certificate of registration from another state.

Popular Science.

The largest flower in the world grows in Sumatra. It is called the Rafflesia Arnoldi, and some of the specimens are 30 inches in diameter. The central cup will hold six quarts of water.

The "cold moon" is not cold at all when she is visible, but very, very hot. Her day is about a fortnight long, and during her period of brightness her temperature probably rises to 220 degrees F. During the period of darkness, on the other hand, the lunar thermometer is supposed to drop to about 300 degrees below the Fahrenheit zero. Then she may be truthfully said to be cold.

French peasants have a belief that if a fire with much smoke is made in the stove on the approach of a storm, safety from lightning will be insured. Schuster shows that the custom is based on reason, as the smoke serves as a very good conductor for carrying away the electricity slowly and safely. In one thousand cases of damage by lightning, 68 churches and 8.5 mills have been struck, but the number of factory chimneys was only 0.8.

"It has passed current," says Popular Science News, "that sea air contains an appreciable quantity of salt. To test this M. Chail made a series of experiments. He passed about thirty feet of cubic air through a solution of silver nitrate. In every case there was not the least cloudiness of the solution, which proved that the air contained no salt. The air contains salt only when the wind carries salt spray. If we wish to benefit by the salt in the air we must go where the sea is sufficiently agitated by the wind to continually hold sea water in suspension."

The next meeting of the Washtenaw County Teachers' Association will be held in Saline the last Saturday in January.

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- Good Brown 36-inch Cotton 4 1-2 cents.
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M. J. Graham, of Unadilla, who has been very ill, is better.
Mr. A. Smith, wife and son, of Lake Odessa, spent the holidays with relatives here.

Gen. M. Wolfinger and Miss Della M. Quick, both of Grass Lake, were united in marriage Dec. 31, 1896.
Mrs. Devereaux and daughter Cora, of Pluckney, called on their friends in Chelsea last Tuesday. Miss Cora was on her way to St. Joseph's Academy, Adrian.

A wind-guard for a bicycle lamp just invented has a damper in the upper portion of the lamp which can be closed to prevent the wind reaching the flame, the top of the guard having a number of small holes for the circulation of air when the damper is closed.

In harvesting, as well as in storage, potatoes should be exposed to light as little as possible, says Farmer's Bulletin No. 85, of the United States department of agriculture. In storing potatoes a low temperature is required. The potato tuber is uninjured by a temperature of 39 degrees F., and one authority gives the freezing temperature of potatoes 30.2 degrees F. Warmth favors sprouting, which injures potatoes both for planting and eating.

"A skunk is the biggest fool in the world," says Charles O. Cappers, the cleverest amateur trapper in Lewiston, Maine, who can catch a skunk every night in a flour barrel. All he does is to isolate an empty barrel over a stone or something that will slightly tilt it and drop in a hunk of bread or almost anything to bait it. Along comes a skunk in the night, he smells the bait, jumps into the tilted barrel, his weight tips it up, and there he is and he can't get out.

An ingenious French statistician has recently been investigating the distance traveled by the eye in reading printed matter. He calculates that 1,000,000 letters of the ordinary type used in newspapers placed in close juxtaposition extend over 1,500 meters, somewhat less than a mile. But, according to his reckoning, there is not more than 1,100 yards of reading matter in the average issue of a Parisian daily. Within the cover of the familiar yellow-backed novel will, as a rule, be found double that amount, and in order to cover the ground which is represented by all of M. Zola's works, the eye would have to perform a journey of more than 30 miles. An average period of human life may be calculated to get through about 2,500 miles of reading before his task is done.

Regarding the fact that last year we had the largest apple crop on record, the following facts concerning this toothsome fruit will be welcomed by many. The Chicago Times-Herald is responsible for their truthfulness: "Patriots who set themselves to the pleasant task of helping to consume this home product will kill two birds with one stone. The 'other bird' in this case is the doctor. The apple has remarkable medicinal properties. It excites the action of the liver, purifies the blood, obviates indigestion, helps the kidney secretions, and is a preventive of throat diseases. It is an excellent brain food, abounding in phosphoric acid in easily digestible shape. Next to the lemon and orange it is the best antidote for the thirst and craving of persons addicted to alcohol and opium. It should be eaten just before going to bed, as it promotes sound and healthy sleep."

While nations and peoples have differed as to the day from which they reckoned the beginning of the year, they have generally agreed in marking the day by observances of some sort, usually by joyous festivities. Our month, January, derives its name from the old Roman deity, Janus, who was usually represented with two faces, one looking backward, the other forward. Sometimes he was represented with four faces, and these faces were supposed to indicate the four seasons of the year. On the first day of the month the Romans were accustomed to make certain offerings to Janus; the image of the god was crowned with laurel, and other ceremonies were performed. They exchanged kindly greetings and good wishes, and sent presents to their friends and kinsfolk. The early Christian emperors continued the old customs of the heathen emperors, mingling the observances of heathenism and Christianity in such a way that the church, for a time, prohibited Christians from joining in the celebration of New Year's Day. Long established customs, however, do not easily die, and finally the church adopted the festival and gave it something of a religious character.--Com. merical.

When to Sow Winter Wheat.

Winter wheat should never be sown until after frost has come. Some years this may postpone seeding until pretty late, but if the ground is worked thoroughly until the time of seeding there is no danger that the plant will not get all the growth needed before winter. We have seen many more wheat failures from too early seeding than from keeping the seed out of the ground too late. There is some danger of the wheat getting too large a growth if sown too early, but the greater danger from this is that the Hessian fly will lay her eggs, causing the wheat to crumble down when the warm hatches next spring. No eggs are sown by the Hessian fly after frost comes. If it were not for scattered grain in wheat fields, the fly might easily be started out by delaying all wheat seeding until after frost. There is much less scattered wheat since the wheat harvesting machines have come into use. If all would unite in delaying seeding, the Hessian fly pest might be exterminated.

Hints for the Household.

When cut flowers become wilted they may frequently be freshened by clipping off the ends and dipping the stems in hot water for a few moments.

When putting away silverware that is not in use all the time do not neglect to sprinkle a few bits of camphor gum in each case before rolling it up; then if the silver is put away in a close box it will not become discolored.

In washing small dried fruits, such as cherries, currants or berries, the best way is to turn them into a colander or coarse sieve and stand it in a deep pan of clean water. Thoroughly rub the fruit between the hands, and change the water as often as needed. Finally hold up the vessel containing the fruit and turn on cold water. Then spread on clean towels to dry.

A corsage bouquet of violets may be worn several times and still kept fresh if the stems are wrapped in a thin fringe of batting that has been dipped in salt and water and then rolled in the foil of the color of the flowers. When the flowers are not being worn keep them in a cool room, with the stems in a glass of salted water, and cover the flowers with tissue paper to keep air from them.

Often the window glass requires to be cleaned, but it is so cold and the air so full of frost that it does not seem advisable to wash the glass with water. Try a flannel cloth; moisten it with paraffin oil and rub the glass with it. Have at hand a fresh flannel cloth and rub over the glass with it. This method will give better results than soap and water.

Girls, Don't Argue.

Girls, don't argue. You may be quite right in your assertions, but it will not do you one bit of good to keep up a discussion that will never convince your opponent and only results in making you appear disagreeable to onlookers. If you are in the right, it will be proved soon without the aid of a wordy war and will serve you in much better stead than if you lose your temper and are stubbornly insistent regarding some matter which is perhaps a mere trifle, after all.

It is not becoming to a woman to be too positive. This does not mean that she should fly to the other extreme and deteriorate into a namby-pamby, with no mind of her own. Not at all. She may be as strong minded as she pleases in a certain sense--strong in the knowledge of her own power, and therefore too secure to stoop to the petty word contests that one hears indulged in every day.

The woman who enjoys arguing most is she who revels in the sound of her own voice and will take up the cudgels for or against, regardless of any truthful convictions, but simply for the sake of an argument. If you say it rains, she will contend that the sun shines gloriously; if you are warm, she is cold, and vice versa; she is like a cat whose fur is continually rubbed the wrong way, and one never hears a purr, but a constant snarling and growling issuing from her lips--Scottish Nights.

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SPRUNG A LEAK.

Loss of the Cuban Filibustering Steamer Commodore.

Gone Down with a Cargo of Arms and Supplies—Fifteen of Her Crew Reached Land—Fate of Others Unknown—Treachery Feared.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 4.—The steamer Commodore, which cleared from this port for Cienfuegos, Cuba, Thursday, with a cargo of arms and ammunition, foundered off New Smyrna at an early hour Saturday morning. Of the crew, 15 are in Jacksonville; three alive and one dead are at Daytona. Four are reported to have arrived near Armond, but the report is not confirmed and eight are at sea on a life raft. Capt. Murphy, at sea on a life raft. Capt. Murphy, Steven Crane, the novelist, C. B. Montgomery, the cook, and William Higgins, a stoker, landed at Daytona Sunday morning. Their boat was turned over in the surf and Higgins received a wound which caused his death soon after getting ashore.

The party on the raft are all Cubans. They left the boat before Capt. Murphy's party, and nothing more has been heard of them. J. M. Barr requested the collector of customs to secure permission for the Three Friends to go to the rescue of the Commodore immediately upon the receipt of the news of the wreck Saturday afternoon. The collector telegraphed to Secretary Carlisle at once but no reply was received until Sunday afternoon. Permission was granted and the Three Friends left Sunday night. The beach is being patrolled from St. Augustine to New Smyrna. It is reported that there was treachery aboard the Commodore, but no details can be learned.

A dispatch from a member of the party of survivors says that about ten o'clock Friday night a suspicious leak was discovered in the fireroom and Capt. Murphy immediately started the pumps which undoubtedly had been tampered with, as they were in working order when Capt. Murphy and Chief Engineer Redigan left watch at eight o'clock. The fire was extinguished and the boat came to a standstill about 13 miles from Mosquito light. Capt. Murphy took full charge of the handling of the ship while the first mate supervised the launching of the boats. The Cubans took possession of the big boat and loaded it with baggage, so that only 12 men left the tug in the end. They reached shore at four o'clock Saturday and left for Jacksonville.

The second boat was occupied by six Cubans, and the empty boat washed ashore at Port Orange last night. The third boat to leave the craft's side was filled with Americans, leaving a ten-foot dingy for Capt. Murphy's use, who refused to quit the ship until all were saved. C. B. Montgomery, the steward, Stephen Crane and William Higgins remained with the captain, and with him launched the dingy and stood by the tug until seven o'clock, when she sank. The mate's boat, containing nine Americans, was smashed and the mate, two engineers, six firemen and sailors were washed to a raft which Capt. Murphy attempted to tow ashore, two miles away, but the terrible sea and the northwest gale swept them away.

The dingy occupied by the captain, Montgomery and Crane holding Capt. Murphy's overcoat as a sail until the beach was sighted. High seas were breaking a half mile from shore. Montgomery, Crane and Murphy were washed to the beach, where citizens provided them with medical attendance. Higgins was killed at the overturning of the boat, which made ten Americans and six Cubans lost. There is no doubt that a traitor did the work of scuttling and then tampered with the pumps, as they were working perfectly at eight o'clock. The suspected man was saved, and a thorough investigation will be made to-day.

River men say the boat was overloaded with coal and that her seams opened. The cargo was shipped by Henry P. Tritot to Salvador Cisneros, Cienfuegos, Cuba. The manifest shows the cargo and value of the same to be as follows:

Two hundred and three thousand cart.	\$2,000
One thousand pounds of giant powder	200
Forty bundles of rifles	1,400
Two electric batteries	200
Three hundred midgets	200
Fourteen cases of drugs	200
Four bundles of clothing	25
Total	\$4,425

While there is considerable talk of treachery in connection with the sinking of the Commodore, nothing definite can be learned from the Cubans that arrived here. One sailor openly accuses the pilot of betraying them or being in Spanish pay, as they ran aground twice in going out of St. John's bay. The owners of the Commodore have never been disclosed since her arrival here. She is said to belong to the Cuban junta. Capt. Murphy took command of her for the first time when this expedition was started out.

Weyler Returns to Havana.
New York, Jan. 4.—A special cable dispatch from Havana says: Gen. Weyler is back from Pinar del Rio. He reached Havana Sunday night, coming from Mariel on board the warship Yagoupi. The captain general was received with a pompous demonstration and immediately drove to the palace. He refused to make any statement regarding the operations in Pinar del Rio or to say why he has left the field and whether or not he will return.

BANKER SEEKS DEATH.

W. A. Hammond, Official of a Defunct Chicago Institution, Drowns Himself, Chicago, Jan. 4.—William A. Hammond, who was second vice president of the failed National Bank of Illinois, went from his Evanston home last night dressed and evidently demented, into the gloomy darkness and wind-swept rain about two o'clock Saturday morning, and leaving a trail of torn and twisted private papers in his path, sought the Dempster street pier, from which he threw himself into the icy water of Lake Michigan to obtain relief from the troubles which have piled upon him in the last two weeks. The body was found shortly after noon by two boys at the foot of Church street, whither it had been carried by the under tow. It was taken to the morgue, where an inquest by the coroner was held.

The intelligence of the banker's self-destruction, so closely following that of Banker Otto Wasmundsdorff, was a distressing shock to Chicago bankers and the friends of the dead man, although not altogether a surprise to those who knew under what terrible mental strain Mr. Hammond had been living since he had been held up to public scorn as the wrecked of the National Bank of Illinois—a charge which is indignantly characterized as a malicious lie by the suicide's intimate friends and lawyer. Although despondent to an unusual degree Friday night, Mr. Hammond gave no warning to friend or family, and there is nothing in the circumstances surrounding his tragedy and which would warrant the assumption that he had contemplated killing himself for any length of time.

After a visit to a friend Friday evening, during which his despondency was exhibited in a marked degree, Mr. Hammond retired to his home very late. He talked with his wife before retiring and seemed a little more cheerful. It was nearly six o'clock when Mrs. Hammond woke and at once noticed that the door leading to her husband's room was ajar farther than was customary, and his absence aroused all her latent fears for his fate. The household was aroused and family friends near by summoned hurriedly to search for the missing man and notify the police.

Birney J. Moore and George S. Lord, old friends, walked to an old pier at the foot of Dempster street, not far from the Hammond homestead, and their suspicions and fears were verified by finding a trail of torn paper, with Mr. Hammond's signature on some. The banker's crazed condition was indicated by the manner in which he had scattered and torn and twisted his private papers during his melancholy journey to his death. Standing on the pier he dropped more of his papers, which quickly clung to the wood because of the beating rain. The discovery of this clew confirmed all fears that Mr. Hammond was no longer alive and arrangements were made to drag the lake by the police and a tug.

When the body was removed from the shallow water it was found to be dressed in underclothes, trousers, coat and felt shoes, showing that the dead man had dressed in haste. In a pocket was found a memorandum written by Mr. Hammond on a letterhead of Farson, Leach & Co., the promoters and chief officers of the Calumet electric street railroad. It contained items and figures corresponding to the amount which Mr. Hammond is accused of carrying on the bank books to that account when the money really represented an extra loan on Calumet electric bonds, and in the total amount corresponding to the total loaned on Calumet security by the bank.

Ten days ago a local morning paper published a sensational and lengthy attack upon the dead man's honesty as an officer of the bank of Illinois. It directly accused him of wrecking the institution, of playing the role of "kitter," of speculating with other people's money, of practicing carefully planned deception on his fellow directors and the depositors for years and of sealing the lips of President Schneider by allowing the accounts of Weiss and Berger, sons-in-law of the president, to pass safe bounds. This paper alleged: "He has violated, wilfully and deliberately, the law which is supposed to protect the public from the operations of such as he."

Referring to these charges friends of Mr. Hammond united in declaring that they had driven him to his death. Mr. Hammond had been employed in Chicago banks for 25 years, beginning as a messenger and being steadily promoted from the beginning of his employment in the failed bank. Most of his fortune was invested in the bank's stock, although he was prominently interested in other banks, insurance and other companies. He leaves four young children, three of them girls. He carried \$50,000 life insurance. Mrs. Hammond is in a serious condition.

Philippine Insurgents Defeated, 3,000 Killed.
Madrid, Jan. 4.—A dispatch received here from Manila says that a great battle has been fought in the Philippine islands, resulting in the signal defeat of the insurgents, of whom 3,000 were killed. The battle was fought at Bulacan, a town in the province of Luzon, located on the River Bulacan, 20 miles northwest of Manila. Gen. Ensenbro, leader of the Philippine island insurgents, is said to have been killed in the conflict. Of the Spaniards, 25 were killed and 68 wounded. It is reported that seven cannon were captured from the insurgents.

BUSINESS REVIEW.

More Failures in 1898 Than Any Year Except 1893.

New York, Jan. 1.—R. G. Dun & Co. in their weekly review of trade say: "There have been more commercial failures in 1898 than in any previous year except 1893, about 14,800, against 12,197 last year, with liabilities of about \$225,000,000, against \$174,550,000 last year, an increase in number of about 12 per cent, and in liabilities of 29 per cent."

"The year closes with an epidemic of failures, mainly at the west, and in banks, loan and trust companies, or concerns dependent on them. The action of clearing houses in various places indicates no want of confidence, and several banks which have failed will be enabled to pay in full, but disclosures of unsoundness in a few widely-known institutions, in the abnormal state of popular feeling after an excited contest on monetary issues, has caused distrust and suspicion where it is frequently undeserved. There has been no monetary advance to cause trouble, nor have important business products declined in value."

There has evidently been too liberal assistance given by some fiduciary concerns to speculative operations. No drain on eastern funds has resulted since the first alarm at two large failures, and the money then sent has all returned. Failures often grow more frequent as annual settlements approach."

"The year 1898 has been one of singular and confusing fluctuations in prices, of which very full details are given. Wheat rose to 81 cents February 8, fell to 60 1/2 June 29, and rose to 82 cents December 22. Cotton started at 73 1/2, with stories of scanty supply, fell to 72 1/2 March 5, rose to 83 1/2 May 7, dropped to 75 1/2 July 15, when a heavy surplus was pressing, rose to 83 1/2 September 10, with stories that the new crop was ruined, fell to 72 1/2, but closed at 77 1/2. Wool rose to an average of \$14.74 for all domestic grades, February 1, fell to \$12.60 September 1, rose to \$13.60 December 1, and has since declined. Iron and its products rose 9 per cent, to April 1 and then declined every month to December 1, in all about 20 per cent, since rising slightly. Boots and shoes fell 18 per cent in the spring, against leather 18 and hides 21 per cent. Then shoes rose 10 per cent, leather 17 per cent, but have since fallen 3 per cent, while hides rose 25 per cent to June 3, dropped 22 per cent to July 8, rose to 50 per cent to November 1 and have since declined 18 per cent. Cotton goods were at the highest point January 1, fell 17 per cent to August 6, rose about 7 per cent to November 8, and have since declined about 2 per cent. The incongruity of these changes shows what obstacles business has had to face."

"In none of the industries mentioned has there been activity the past week. Holiday dullness has been intensified by the failures and the efforts of great combinations to make new arrangements. With iron, coke, wool, cotton and hides all somewhat lower, there is almost universal confidence that business will soon become large and enter into a long time. Cotton mills have enormous stocks of yarn, and in some lines, the surplus of print goods being the largest ever known and about a quarter of a year's consumption. Wool sales decreased 54 per cent in the first four months, and were smaller than for five years; decreased 56 per cent in the second four months when new wool was coming forward, and were much the smallest ever known, except in the panic of 1873, but are again showing a revival. The aggregate during the last four months nearly equal to that of last year."

"The volume of business during the year 1898 has varied remarkably. Payments through the clearing houses were slightly larger in each of the first four months than in 1895, but 20 per cent smaller than in 1892. In the six months, May and October inclusive, payments were every month smaller than last year, 15 per cent in September and 10 per cent in October about 24 per cent smaller than in 1892. In November a small improvement over 1895 appeared, and the decrease from 1892 was but 12 per cent, but in December payments were 9.3 per cent smaller than last year, and 20.8 per cent smaller than in 1893. Railroad earnings were slightly larger than last year in each of the first seven months, and smaller each month since. In the aggregate, the last seven months there has been a decrease as great as 12 per cent, in November from 1895 and 16.2 per cent in August from 1892."

"Wheat has risen to the highest point since June, 1892, because western receipts in five weeks have been but 13,260,000 bushels, against 22,000,357 last year. The exports from New York in December were five per cent larger and imports 12 per cent smaller than last year."

VENEZUELAN TREATY.

Report That It Is Acceptable Officially Confirmed.

Washington, Dec. 30.—There is official confirmation of the statement that the Venezuelan arbitration treaty is not only acceptable to President Crespo and his constitutional advisers, but that it will be equally acceptable to the Venezuelan congress when it convenes in February next. The weight of public opinion is all in favor of the treaty, and it has encountered but little opposition from leading Venezuelans. The objection that Venezuela will have no voice in selecting the umpires to represent the republic is met by the counter argument that Venezuela originally asked the United States more than two years ago to use its good offices with England to secure a treaty whereby the territory in dispute might be submitted to a tribunal of arbitration. The United States did this, and the protocol agreed upon by Secretary Olney and Lord Salisbury gives this country the right to name the umpires for Venezuela. When the protocol is signed by Sir Julian Pauncefote and Senor Andrade, the representatives of Great Britain and Venezuela, diplomatic relations between Venezuela and Great Britain will be again resumed.

A Matter of Convenience.
St. Louis, Dec. 28.—The St. Louis United States subtreasury will on January 3 become a member of the local clearing house association. This step has the approval of Secretary Carlisle and will render unnecessary the transfer of about \$100,000,000 between the banks and the subtreasury per annum.

Was Supreme Court Librarian.
Frederick, Md., Dec. 28.—Charles W. Hoffman, Jr., D., Librarian of the United States supreme court from 1873 to 1893, died at his home in this city Sunday of pneumonia. He was 67 years of age, unmarried and leaves an estate worth nearly \$100,000.

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