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## NATIONAL CAPITAL.

### The Seed Resolution Becomes a Law Without the President's Signature.

The Cuban Question Still Occupies the Attention of the Senate.

GAZETTE'S BUREAU.  
709 EAST CAPITOL STREET,  
WASHINGTON, MARCH 16.)

The Senate joint resolution directing the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase and distribute seeds, bulbs, etc., as has been done in preceding years, has become a law without the President's signature, the resolution not having been returned to Congress within the constitutional ten days' limit. Secretary Morton refused to carry out the old law and vigorously opposed the passage of the present more mandatory act. As the President did not sign the joint resolution it is believed that Secretary Morton will openly defy it by refusing to purchase seeds.

Crowded Senate galleries have become the rule since the Cuban debate began, and there was the usual full attendance to-day. In the opening prayer Rev. Isaac Canter referred to the prevailing unrest and excitement and besought divine interposition for peace.

Mr. Elkins (W. Va.) made early reference to the Cuban question by offering a resolution directing the committee on foreign relations before the vote was taken on the Cuban resolutions to make a report to the Senate of all material facts on the subject. Mr. Sherman asked that the resolution go over under the rules until to-morrow, and Mr. Elkins assented.

Mr. Call secured the adoption of a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information as to the detention of vessels supposed to be carrying arms to Cuba, and the legal authority for such a course.

Mr. Palmer (Ill.) offered a resolution, which went over, declaring that the unlimited coinage of silver by the United States would subvert existing legal and commercial values.

At 1 o'clock Mr. Lodge was recognized for a speech on immigration and in support of the resolution for additional immigration laws. Mr. Lodge spoke for an hour and was followed by Mr. Pugh in support of the silver amendment to the tariff bill. Mr. Pugh argued that the economic troubles of the United States were caused by an insufficient and congested currency.

This, being the third Monday of the month, was suspension day in the House under the rules.

Unanimous consent was granted, at the request of Mr. H. W. chairman of the committee on foreign affairs, to take up on Wednesday next, the resolutions censuring Ambassador Bayard for his speech at Boston, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland.

The President to-day sent to the Senate the following nomination: State—John J. Brice of California, to be commissioner of fish and fisheries, vice Marshall McDonald, deceased. Capt. John J. Brice of San Francisco is a retired naval officer and is spoken of very highly by Senator White of California. He has given a great deal of attention to the subject of and fisheries.

### Fishing in the Housatonic.

Hereafter fishermen will have to be careful in regard to breaking the law by fishing in the Housatonic river above and below the Derby dam. The law in regard to fishing has been amended by the Legislature, and it will be more rigidly enforced this year than ever before. According to the law enacted during the session of 1893, any person who shall kill, sell, offer or expose for sale black bass between May 1 and July 1, in any year, will be compelled to pay a fine of \$10 for each bass killed or exposed for sale.

### New Stock Co.

The hatting firm of Thomas Meath & Co. of Danbury retired from business yesterday in favor of a joint stock company to be known as The Meath Co. with a paid in capital of \$24,000.

Phoenix Engine company's benefit Wednesday evening March 13th. Have you purchased your ticket?

## MR. KNAPP A PIONEER.

He is the Father of Freshman Class Coaching at Yale University.

The Yale graduate of 10 years ago remembers college sports and teams as developed in a radically different manner from their evolution to-day. Then there was hardly a training table, the drill was much less severe and, most of all, the universal system of graduate coaches had not been introduced. This is a latter day growth in the system of university athletic branches, until now there is no team in all the athletic branches, that does not have its patriotic alumnus coacher.

Within the past three years the coaching system has been extended to the freshmen class teams. They are, aside from the university aggregations, the only representatives of the university that face other colleges, and the element of fierce competition has crept gradually year by year into them until there is only a difference in degree, but none in kind, between the training of the freshmen and university athletes.

Until two years ago the freshmen were trained by any university substitute who could be obtained. His services were generally given with great reluctance for it has been the sentiment at Yale that there was little glory to be procured by acting as the freshman coach.

Two years ago a sophomore offered his aid to the freshman foot ball team and the offer was gladly accepted. His men won from the Harvard freshmen, after a gallant struggle and James H. Knapp, the trainer, was congratulated along with the freshman captain for having developed a winning class team. Mr. Knapp has continued his career as coach since then. On the whole it has been a rather thankless task, for even after bringing out a winning team the trainer is immediately lost sight of, if his name is even mentioned, but the remarkable success achieved by Mr. Knapp with his men has carved for that athlete and athletic advisor, a name for himself in the niche where are inscribed the names of men who have given success to Yale.

Mr. Knapp is himself an athlete and comes from an athletic family. His brother, Howard Knapp, is one of the most highly prized Yale foot ball and crew "varsity" coaches, and only the most unfortunate physical injury prevented "Jim" from equalling his older brother's record in his Yale career. James Knapp enjoys the honor of being one of the best backs that ever fought for a touch down for Andover Academy. He was a member of the academy team for two years, and his drop kick, as full back, combined by fine line forcing scored many a victory in the games of that school. In the annual game with Andover's rival, Exeter, Knapp received an injury to his eye from which he has never recovered. It has been feared at times since then, that he would entirely lose his sight in that eye, and this injury has resulted in his practically retiring from active athletics.

Knapp was offered the captaincy of the Andover eleven in his senior year at that place but was obliged to decline it owing to his injury. During his career at Yale he has been a member of his freshman crew and, in his sophomore year a substitute on the "varsity." Had he continued training there is little doubt that he would occupy a "varsity" seat to-day in the Yale boat, but, at the continued request of his family he has entirely given up athletics and has given his time to drilling the freshmen football and crew organizations. He has brought out two football elevens that have lowered the colors of the Harvard freshmen and Princeton and two class crews that have shown a blue rudder to the Harvard and Columbia freshmen, and this year he is coaching the Yale '99 men for their coming contest, which is practically assured, with the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Knapp has this year the biggest task of his career on his hands, for he must develop a class eight which will meet a university crew for its annual contest. He will probably be assisted by some of the graduate oarsmen, but will, in all probability, be the leading coach of the '99 boat.

Knapp is 23 years old and his home is in South Norwalk. He has refereed many games for the Yale "varsity" foot ball team, and also a number of foot ball contests of the minor colleges. If he succeeds this year in developing a Freshman crew that can defeat the University of Wisconsin his sacrifice of time and labor will be appreciated as never before since he became a successful pioneer in the novel art of coaching freshmen athletic teams.—New Haven Register.

—Three pounds prunes for 25 cents at Betts & Farringtons. J 22-ft

## IN EIGHT MINUTES.

### A Short Adjourned Meeting of the Council Held Last Evening.

Report of a Special Committee Received and Accepted.

An adjourned meeting of the City Council was held last evening.

In the absence of Mayor Wheeler Councilman Boyer presided, and called the board to order at 8:15. Councilmen Tristram and Kent were ill and unable to be present.

The minutes of the last meeting as well as those of the hearing on the petition of the Street Railway company in reference to a layout over Mill Hill, were read and accepted.

The following bills were ordered paid: Highway, \$176; Administrative, \$120.10; Fire, \$5.50; Highway, \$39.50; Sewer, \$9.00.

Councilman Smith, chairman of the committee appointed to adjust the matter of the petition of the Street Railway company presented the following report:

As chairman of the committee appointed with power to make such adjustment with The Norwalk Street Railway Company of the Mill Hill matter as was deemed wise and proper, I would report in behalf of the committee that we made to the Street Railway Company a proposition in which we had in view the interests of the taxpayers of the city, and in and by which the Street Railway Company was to pay what the committee considered a fair proportion of the total expense and damages for the grading and widening of the street in question.

The Street Railway Company would not accept our proposition but sought to interpose restrictions and conditions which we believed would not be to the advantage of the city, and the committee refused to consider them.

The thirty days allowed by Judge Hall in which to come to an amicable arrangement of the matter have expired, and the question must now be settled in Court.

The report, on motion of Councilman Chinery, was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The council then adjourned after a session lasting but about eight minutes.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Now in Session at Bridgeport.

Yesterday was a notable day in the history of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of this State. The asylum of Hamilton Commandery was dedicated in the Masonic Temple at Bridgeport.

Although the weather was most miserable, fully 200 knights were in attendance from out of town.

The services began at 4:30 o'clock, and consisted of the Dedicatory degree, which is a very impressive one, from a Masonic standpoint.

In the evening, an entertainment had been prepared of singing and speaking by the different members. The well known Temple quartet of New York had been engaged, and their selections were rendered in an artistic style.

At 10:30 the grand march was started for the banquet hall, headed by Grand Commander Hugh Stirling, and other grand officers. After prayer had been said they sat down to an elegant repast, which had been prepared by Mazzotti, the well known New York caterer.

After the banquet speechmaking was in order, William E. Seely presiding as toastmaster.

Among those present from Clinton Commandery, No. 3, of this city, were Sir Knights Peter Decker, A. C. Wheeler, George W. Raymond, Charles N. Wood, Farron S. Betts, Ferd B. Smith, James D. Jennings, Frank Street, Wallace Dann, Edward Street, Thomas Dorsey, A. C. Golding, A. E. Bohme, Fred L. Baxter and George Buckmaster.

The annual conclave of the Grand Commandery was opened this morning, and officers will be elected, as published in these columns yesterday.

### Emmetts Celebrate.

The Robert Emmett club celebrated St. Patrick's eve, last night, with what they called a "smoker." Patriotic speeches were made, and there were recitations and songs galore. Where such a happy party was assembled the entertainment would not be complete without refreshments and there was an abundance.

## BUSINESS CHANGE.

The Well Known Corner Drug Store is to Go Into Other Hands.

Negotiations have been perfected whereby the well known "Corner Drug Store" is to change hands, the present proprietor, H. R. Hale, retiring.

The reputed purchaser is Samuel L. Aller, at one time connected in the drug business in this city with Giles A. Gregory.

It is understood that Harold Glendenning, at present employed by Druggist Edward P. Weed will have charge of the store under its new proprietorship.

The change will take place on or about April 1st.

Mr. Hale has been proprietor of the store for a long term of years and his giving up of the same will be greatly regretted by a large number of people.

Always affable and polite, keeping the best of everything in his line, and striving hard against adverse circumstances, he won friends and customers who will feel sorry that he has decided to give up business in Norwalk.

Joseph Rosenberg for a long time employed at the store has accepted the agency of the European Importing Agency for the New England States, and will commence his duties April 1st.

That Mr. Hale may cast his lines in pleasant and profitable places is the wish of the GAZETTE, to which wish no doubt all will say Amen.

Mr. Glendenning is a well known pharmacist and deserving of a success which he will gain in his new venture with the aid of the public patronage.

### Tournament for a Cue.

The Monte Cristo billiard and pool rooms was crowded last night at the opening of the tournament for a championship cue. A match game of 100 points was played between C. V. Reeves of this city and William Keiser of South Norwalk which was won by the latter he scoring the necessary 100 to his opponent's 93. The game was closely contested and it looked at one time as though Reeves would be the winner. The result will probably lead up to a match game between the two.

There was a three round boxing bout between Capt. Jack James and Tom McNerny, which delighted those who witnessed it. The Saunders midgets, Herbert and Hubert, sparred four rounds, and won great applause.

To night, there will be a match game of 100 points between W. N. Haff and Joseph Henry, and a three-round bout between Denver Ed. Smith and Young Moran of Stamford.

### Andrew Mack.

Andrew Mack, the sweet singer, is a composer of popular music of more than ordinary merit, and many of his melodies have a world wide reputation. It is said that the numbers he has composed for the production of "Myles Aroon" are his masterpieces, and it is certain they have caught the popular fancy everywhere. He will sing them for the first time here on the occasion of his first appearance at Hoyt's Theatre on Friday evening next.

### Wants Them Arrested.

M. Fahan, the Main street saloon keeper, complained to Chief Bradley this morning that two men insisted on entering his place last night at an hour when he wished to close up. The chief advised him to consult with the prosecuting attorney, if he wanted the men arrested.

### Their Birthdays.

Messrs. Lawrence Deller, 33, and Edward Finch, 22, manipulators of the movable alphabets in this office, celebrated their birthday anniversaries yesterday by throwing snowballs at each other.

### Read It.

The call for a special town meeting to be held in the Town House, on Monday March 23d will be found in another column. It is of an important nature.

### THE

Boston Store,  
NORWALK.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

Every day this week, beginning at 9 a. m., a food exhibit and lunch will be served at our Kitchen Department. Everybody invited.

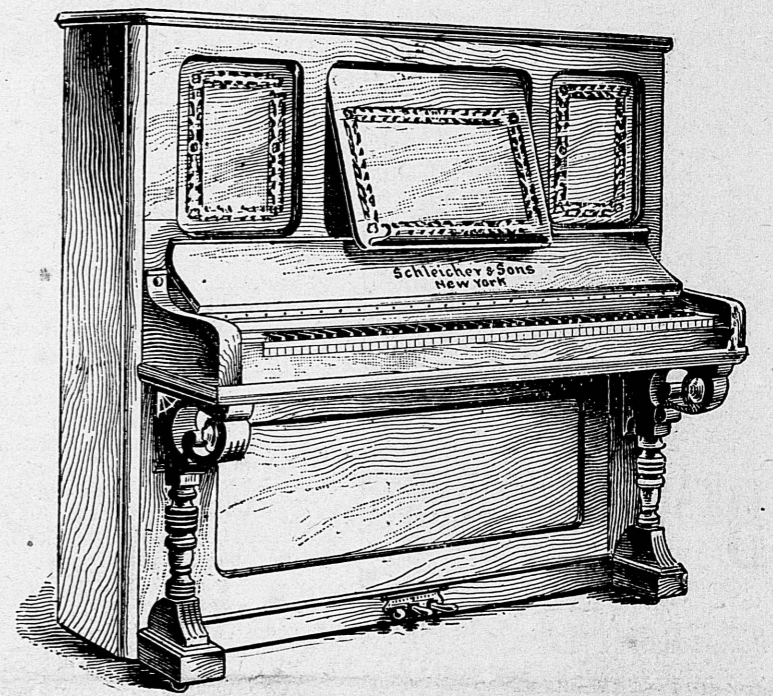
## FOUR HUNDRED DOLLAR PRIZE!

### A Magnificent Piano for the Most Popular School, Lodge, Society, Club or Fire Company in Fairfield County.

Which is our most popular school, lodge, society, club or fire company?

Which one has the most admirers and friends? Doubtless these questions are beyond the power of any absolute answer, but THE EVENING GAZETTE offers an exceptional opportunity to make the test. THE GAZETTE proposes to poll the votes of the people. And the voting is to have zest in it. It is made worth while to vote. There is a magnificent prize at stake.

THE GAZETTE will give A \$400 UPRIGHT PIANO to the school, lodge, society, club or fire company which gets the most votes.



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It is an instrument of the very finest character. It is beautiful in its workmanship, an ornament worthy of any home, and in all its musical qualities it is unsurpassed. In every sense it is a perfect and beautiful instrument—equal to the best that can be anywhere bought for \$400 IN GOLD.

The following are the rules which govern the voting:

- 1—THE GAZETTE will print each day a blank coupon, each coupon being good for one vote for the school, lodge, society, club or fire company the owner of the coupon may select—the blank lines in the coupon to be filled out with the name and address. The coupon to-day is at the end of this article.
- 2—The contest will close on July 2, and the winner announced on July 3.
- 3—Any school, lodge, society, club or fire company in Fairfield County is eligible.
- 4—A full record of the voting will be published up to date every evening in THE GAZETTE, but votes received after 10 A. M. will not be recorded until a day later.
- 5—Coupons must be filled out in a plain handwriting, for otherwise blunders can not be avoided and votes will be lost. Blank coupons, of course, can not be counted.

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Following is the voting coupon, a copy of which will appear in THE GAZETTE daily.

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Town, \_\_\_\_\_

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Norwalk Yacht Club.....	2412
Hope Hose Company.....	2192
St. Mary's School.....	1871
Welcome Stranger Lodge.....	784
Pequonock Pleasure Club.....	374
Center School.....	358
Over River School.....	338
Pioneer Castle.....	80
T. G. L. C.....	30
T. F. E. Club.....	31
Norwalk Liedertrenz.....	19
Compo Engine Co., Westport.....	10
Arion Singing Society.....	4
Catholic Union Council.....	3
Uncas Tribe.....	3
Knob Outing Club.....	3
Pine Lodge Club.....	2
S. S. Club.....	2
Sword Fish Club.....	2



W. G. Skinner is one of the best known men in Wakefield, Mass. He is a war veteran and everybody's friend. He says: "I had rheumatism and was in poor health a long time. Indications pointed towards the accumulation of impurities in the blood and germs of disease. I was constipated and had no appetite. I evidently needed a good blood purifier and decided to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It made a change all through my system, gave me an appetite and worked effectively on my blood. I am now perfectly well, my blood has been put in good order, thanks to Hood's." W. G. SKINNER.

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Full course, 12 lessons, \$10.

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Discount Day, Saturday.

UNCLE COTTLE'S WOOING

"I'm going to get married, Tim." Uncle Cottle sat very upright in his chair, and spoke with an air of invincible decision.

"What, again?" drawled his nephew, wearily.

"Again, sir? When was I married before?"

"But this isn't the first time you've been going to do it, uncle; that's what I meant," Tim explained. "Do I know the favored lady?"

"It's Miss Sybil Holt, Tim," said Uncle Cottle, confidentially. "The most lovely—the—oh-h! I met her the other evening at Mrs. Dymham's silver wedding party, and she—er—quite seemed to take to me. I'm older than she is," he sighed, pensively, "but I look a good ten years younger than I am; don't you think so?"

Young Tim regarded him critically, without hazarding an opinion. He was past middle age and looked it; a full-bodied little gentleman, with short, dumpy legs and a bland, moon-like face, whose prevailing expression was of imperturbable simplicity.

"Have you proposed?"

"Why, no, I've only seen her once. Besides," Uncle Cottle sighed again, "I'm so shy, you know, Tim—so infernally shy! The only time I ever managed to propose was when I wrote to that widow—you remember, you helped me with that letter—and she never answered. You didn't say," he added, "whether you know Miss Holt?"

"I don't remember ever to have met her."

"Ah! If you had you couldn't forget her. She's an aunt you'll be proud of, my boy."

"But she may not appreciate the honor of obtaining me for a nephew."

"If she refuses me, Tim—if I lose her as I've lost all the others," cried Uncle Cottle, wildly, "I shall think there's a curse on me, and I'll give in—I'll never love again. I'll live and die single!"

Young Tim hoped he would. Uncle Cottle had been his guardian ever since he was quite a boy, but since he came of age, some six years ago, he had rather reversed the position of affairs, and looked upon Uncle Cottle with the jealous eye of a sole proprietor who didn't want anybody to meddle with his business.

"I'm his only relative," he complained to his crony, Ted Merrows, as he sat at breakfast next morning in the chambers they tenanted in common. "What's his name. He's said so lots of times. If he gets married, though, his wife will expect at least half; and if he has children, there'll be no meat left on the bone for me!"

They were both reading for the bar, but Ted Merrows put aside his paper for the moment, and placed all his intellect at the service of his friend.

"What's the use of looking black about it? He's been going to marry often enough before."

"But he's never seemed so determined as he is now. He's dyeing his hair and cultivating a figure."

"Gone so far as that?" exclaimed Ted. "Then I'm afraid nothing will stop him."

"I shall try, anyhow," growled Tim. "If I can't hit on anything better, I shall tell him I've found out she's engaged. I've stopped him twice like that; he's so nervous and afraid of seeming presumptuous. That widow was the most dangerous—three months ago. I really thought I'd lost him that time. He was so bewitched he was going to call at her house, only I persuaded him it wasn't edifying, and that he ought to write first and disclose his sentiments, and ask permission to call. I undertook to post the letter on my way home here to the Temple, and I put it in the fire. When he got no answer he wished he hadn't written—felt he had been impertinent and she was offended."

"Suppose he meets her and mentions it?"

"He daren't; I know him too well. He'd be so ashamed and panic-stricken he'd run away at the sight of her."

"Well, you have been lucky so far, but it can't go on like this forever," observed Ted Merrows. "Take my tip, and make hay while the sun shines."

"How do you mean?"

"You are old enough to marry, and, as your uncle's sole heir, you'd be a valuable article in the matrimonial market; but if he marries, you'll find yourself on the shelf among the damaged goods and remnants. Dispose of yourself while you are still heir and the fitting lord for an heiress. You can't stop the old man marrying, but you can take care he doesn't spoil you by marrying first."

"But I don't know anybody!" remonstrated Tim. "How am I to find an heiress, get introduced and engaged, and marry her out of hand?"

"You might find one through the matrimonial journals."

"Nonsense! Heiresses don't advertise."

"Don't they? All heiresses are not in society; some of them want to go there, and they advertise. They wouldn't marry a gentleman with nothing, perhaps, unless they happened to be old and ugly, but they would be glad to snap up a man like you, moving in good society, with a liberal allowance from your uncle and hopeful prospects. Then, if your uncle deserts you afterward, her money will keep the wolf from the door and save you from working yourself to death."

Young Tim had a morbid horror of poverty and overwork, and that story haunted him all day. It shone through his dismal forebodings like the moon through a mist; it seemed almost too good to be true. He dined alone that evening at a restaurant in the Strand; and, passing a news agent's on his way back into the Temple, he noticed some matrimonial journals in the window, and went in and bought one. He was somewhat relieved on entering his chambers to find that Ted Merrows

was not yet at home. He opened the journal, and studied the crowded columns in private, and lighted at length on a business-like advertisement that impressed him favorably:

MAUD, young, dark and good-looking, with private income, wishes to correspond with middle-aged gentleman of means and position, with view to matrimony. References exchanged.

Replies were to be sent to a letter of the alphabet at the office of the paper.

"There's no harm in writing," he argued. "If I change my mind or it doesn't seem good enough I can drop it."

And while the impulse was upon him he wrote. He wrote vaguely of his income and said nothing of his age, but craved an interview. If he explained his precise position, he feared she might fancy it was too insecure to render him eligible; but if he could see her, he flattered himself that the charm of his conversation and personal presence would dazzle her and divert her attention from his less pronounced monetary qualifications. He signed his own name: "T. Cottle," because, if the negotiations came to anything, it might shake her confidence when he had to acknowledge that he had approached her under a false name; at the same time, as she had withheld her surname and address, he felt justified in requesting her to direct her reply, in the first instance, to the post office in Bayswater Road, to be left till called for.

"I can look in for it the next time I go to see uncle," he reflected. "If it turns out a frost, I needn't tell Merrows anything; he'd only grin about it. I'll get the letter off before he gets in."

And he ran out and posted it at once.

He half regretted his impetuosity when he contemplated what he had done in the cold light of the next morning.

Nevertheless, a couple of evenings later he journeyed to Bayswater and inquired at the post office for his letter, but it hadn't arrived, so he walked on to see Uncle Cottle, but as his uncle was not at home, he told them to say that he had called, and wouldn't wait.

His interest in his rash matrimonial project had cooled considerably; but going to see his uncle on the following Saturday afternoon, he inquired casually at the post office again, and was not altogether displeased that there was still no letter for him. He decided that his epistle had not created a satisfactory impression, and that he should hear no more of it.

Turning the corner a little beyond the post office, he was surprised to run into Uncle Cottle, gorgeous in a new white waistcoat and with a flower in his buttonhole.

"Tim, my boy," he ejaculated, "I've been expecting you daily. Sorry I was cut when you called last—I was out on particular business."

"Oh!"

Tim had dim premonitions of disaster; he upbraided himself for neglecting the affairs of Miss Holt.

"Yes."

Uncle Cottle winked his left eye and smacked his nephew on the shoulder exuberantly.

"I was arranging to get married."

"To Miss Holt?" faltered Tim.

"No," laughed Uncle Cottle. "You'll never guess. It's the widow—Mrs. Netley. You remember, we wrote to her? She answered my letter that evening, an hour before you called."

Tim was too confused to grasp what he heard.

"But you said," he stammered, "that if Miss Holt rejected you you'd know there was a curse on you, and—"

"I haven't asked Miss Holt—besides, it's three months since I wrote to the widow, so, in any case, she has a sort of prior claim over the—"

"The other curse," suggested Tim, bitterly.

"Here's her letter," said Uncle Cottle, disregarding his interpolation. "Read it for yourself."

"DEAR SIR: If you care to call on me I shall be pleased to see you. I regret you did not give me your own address, as I should have thought it implied either a want of confidence in me or candor in yourself, had it not been that we are almost neighbors, and I had the pleasure of meeting you a few months ago, and I know you by reputation. Under the circumstances you will appreciate my preferring to send this to your private address, which I have taken from the directory. Yours truly, 'MAUD NETLEY.'"

"That's all right, Tim, ain't it?" chuckled Uncle Cottle.

Tim realized in a flash that this was his "Maud," and it was his letter she was answering, not his uncle's; but he could not see his way to saying so.

"What does she mean about your address?" he said.

"Why, I was nervous when I wrote that letter, and I must have forgotten to put my address in; that's why she didn't answer before; she couldn't. And it's just occurred to her to look in the directory. See? I meant to have asked her about it, but she was so nice and amiable and smiling, and I was so—so—well, I hardly know how I was—but there didn't seem any need to apologize, and, in fact, I never thought about it till I was coming away."

"Is she young?" asked Tim, for the sake of saying something.

"I thought at first she was nearly 40, but she's only 29—she told me so herself. I showed her my bank book and a list of my securities."

"Oh, that's all right," she says laughing.

"Then when's it to be?" says I.

"And it's going to be next month."

"Next—"

"Month. I'm going around to the vicar's now to put up the banns—you come with me. And, I say! she's an orphan, so we want you, my boy—age don't matter; it's only a matter of form—to be a father to her at the wedding, and give her away."

Tim was gloomy and reckless, and said he would. Why shouldn't he? He had given away his prospects; he had given away his uncle; he might just as well do the thing thoroughly and give away the widow as well; then he would have nothing and nobody left to keep—but himself.—Tit-Bits.

MONEY IN PEARLS.

Some Valuable Gems Found in the Streams of Kentucky.

Quite an Extensive Business Done by the Pearl Hunters—The Late Dry Season Productive of Great Success.

The continued dry weather of the past summer and fall, which has caused many of the creeks and rivers in Kentucky to go nearly dry, has been very favorable to the pearl hunters in the Cumberland and other rivers, and quite a number of fine specimens have been found, especially in the Cumberland river, which seems to be the most productive of pearl-bearing mussels. One of the well-known pearl hunters told the writer that he had found several pearls during the past summer that were worth \$75 to \$100 each, and a large lot of smaller and cheaper ones.

The leading pearl hunters, who prospect up and down the Cumberland, send their pearls to Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, Tiffany getting the best of them. Several years ago an old man picked up a mussel from a sandbar in the Cumberland river near Point Burnside, a station on the Cincinnati Southern railroad, and upon opening the oyster-like bivalve found a magnificent pearl of fine size and color. A pearl hunter who ran across the old man shortly afterward, and to whom he showed the gem, at once recognized the value of it, and bought it for a trifling sum, afterward selling it for \$500. Such finds as this, however, are few and far between.

The pearl hunters work whenever the water is not too cold for them to wade in it. They find the mussels lying on the sandbars, pick them up, and pry them open, "feel" for the pearl, and if there is no pearl drop the mussel back into its place in the river. The pearl is found clinging to the wall of the mussel's shell, and close to the mouth of it. The large majority of the pearls, as a matter of course, are oddly shaped and irregular in form, and for that reason are worthless. Now and then pearls of beautiful color are found, but useless because of a lack of desirable form. The round pearls, usually found and put upon the market by these wandering pearl hunters, vary in size from the dimensions of the head of a pin to the size of a pea, and bring from 50 cents to \$50 apiece. Few of them reach the \$50 mark, however.

The pearl hunter who searches the Kentucky streams is usually a shiftless, easy-going fellow, who is at home most any place, and makes his bed upon the banks of the stream as readily as he would in the most elaborately furnished mansion. When he has good luck on a trip he waits until all of his money is gone before he strikes out upon another journey. Now and then a more businesslike operator is found, who will carry a camping outfit, good tent, etc., and live in true sportsmanlike style while at work.

The pearl hunters say that one reason why the streams of Kentucky are more productive of pearls than the rivers in some other states is because of the limestone bedrock, which seems more adapted to the purposes of the pearl-bearing mussels than the formations underlying many streams in other sections of the country. Pearl mussels are, therefore, found in nearly every waterway in the blue grass state, but for some reason only a comparatively small number of men are engaged in the hunting of them, which frequently pays a great deal better than most any other form of common labor. The excitement and anticipation attendant upon the industry, too, has something of the effect of the fascination of the diamond fields, for the "next one" is always expected to be a \$500 beauty. One of the most valuable pearls ever found in the United States, the pearl hunters say, came from the Miami river, in Ohio.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Has Done with Pigeonholes.

An inquirer man called on the head of a big business house and found himself seated at a roll-top desk which was absolutely clear of papers. "I'm glad to find your desk clear," the newspaper man remarked; "you will have plenty of time to talk to me." "Yes, I've cleared up everything for the day," was the reply, "and have determined to do away altogether with this desk. I haven't time for details or pigeonholes, and have ordered a glass-top flat desk, on which I will handle the mail as I always here. But every matter is eventually to be attended to by some one in the establishment, and as I read I turn the communications to the man who will look after them. By this means I am almost at liberty to give my attention to the 101 questions which arise in a day's business, and which are submitted to me for final settlement. That glass-topped desk without pigeonholes ought to be worth five years of life to me."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Particular as to Their Partis.

The leading newspaper in Vienna prints at length the amazing last will and testament of a wealthy old eccentric who died lately at Hadersdorf-am-Kamp. "I bequeath the whole of my property, movable and immovable," says he, "to my six nephews and six nieces, but under the sole condition that every one of my nephews marries a woman named Antonie, and that every one of my nieces marries a man named Anton." The twelve are further required to give the Christian name Antonie or Anton to each first-born child, according as it turns out to be girl or boy. The marriage of each nephew and niece is also to be celebrated on one of the St. Anthony's days, either January 17, May 10 or June 13. Each is further required to be married before the end of July, 1896. Any nephew or niece remaining unmarried to an Antonie or an Anton after that date forfeits half of his or her share of the property.—Chicago Times-Herald.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

—Well Named.—"Why do you refer to the trees as acrobats?" "Because their limbs are always in the air."—Detroit Free Press.

—Bob.—"Ah, Jack, did your rich uncle remember you in his will?" Jack—"Yes. He inserted a clause requesting his executors to collect at once all the loans he had made me."

—Where He Drew the Line.—"Your friend, Van Dooze, is a great practical joker, I believe?" "Yes; but he isn't my friend any more." "What's the matter?" "I played a joke on him the other day."—Chicago Record.

—Pastor.—Do you ever play with bad little boys, Johnny?" Johnny—"Yes, sir." Pastor—"I'm surprised, Johnny! Why don't you play with good little boys?" Johnny—"Their mamas won't let 'em!"—Chicago Record.

—It was a very cold morning, and Bobby came rushing into the house very much excited. "Mommer," he cried, "there's something the matter with me. Please send for the doctor. I'm breathing fog!"—Harper's Round Table.

The locksmith came out, looking knobby, with a big rose in his buttonhole. His countenance was screwed into a smile, but none knew the key to his happiness. Just then a creditor appeared, and the locksmith, making a spring, bolted down the street, where, after securing shelter, he barred himself in.

A certain precocious baby had been keenly watched by his fond mother, who wanted to discover the first signs of future genius. If he scratched the furniture with a pencil, he was to be a preacher; if he imitated some action of an older person, he was to be an actor. One day he had been forcibly emptying the pockets of his "big brother," who, struck with an idea, ran to his mother and cried: "Oh, mamma, I know what the baby's going to be—a pickpocket!"

TOASTED TO A TURN.

Sister Caroline Got Even with the Man Who Had Despised Her Love.

There was a scene and a sensation at the Calvary Baptist church (colored) on a recent Sunday. A "covenant" or experience meeting was in progress, and Sister Caroline, of some 50 summers, had the floor. She began in the usual orthodox form of telling her experience, but shifted to a recital of her personal grievance against Brother Jackson, whose arrival with his bride upon his arm had turned the course of her remarks. The way she roasted him was highly entertaining, if not edifying. Rev. Mr. Parish attempted to call her down, but she insisted upon having her say out. Unable to control her, he sought to overcome her harangue with a song, and so gave out a hymn. For awhile the sister's voice could be heard above the united tones of the congregation. She continued to talk against the overwhelming odds until her voice gave way under the strain and she fell exhausted in the seat.

Here is the way she began her experience recital:

"I praise de Lawd dat he has 'lowed me to lib to see dis day. De great Almighty is er merciful God. He is a just Lawd, an' will not stand round an' see eny ob his poor creeters suffer wrong. De Lawd has been berry 'fuf'ul to me. He has fed me when I wuz hungry, an' I have been naked an' he clothed me. He has put money in my purse." Just then Brother Jackson appeared with his bride and the sister changed the key of her discourse.

"Oh, Lawd, I thank thee that thou has been so good to me. I thank thee, oh, Lawd, that thou hast 'nabled me to feed Brother Jackson, who done got married to another in violation of his promise to marry me. I thank thee that thou hast 'nabled me to give him six shirts and has helped me to raise de eight dollars for him to buy a pair of new shoes. Oh, Lawd, I thank thee that he has libed in my house a whole year without payin' board. I thank thee, oh, Lawd, that I raised, by thy help, the money to send Brother Jackson ter Chicago. And now, oh, Lawd, he has come back an' school have begun, he has not kept his promise to marry me. But, oh, Lawd, how grateful I am dat I can say dis bright day in de language of de pharisee, that 'I am not as other men am.' No, Lawd, your own Caroline am still libbing in hopes ob an eternal salvation, an' if it is possible, Lawd, I pray thee to save Brother Jackson, for berry, I say unto him, 'ye know not what ye do.'"

Naturally the congregation was convulsed, and Rev. Mr. Parish, after ineffectual efforts to quiet his sister, thus addressed the congregation:

"Brethren, we cannot permit our misguided sister to go on. Sing the long-meter doxology and keep singing it until she takes her seat."—Louisville Times.

Feud Settled by Marriage.

A feud lasting over ten years, in which blood was twice spilled, once on a church step, has ended by the marriage of William Hyland and Jessie Potter at Maidstone, Ont. A decade ago William began to court Jessie, and her parents seriously objected, even to the point of kicking Hyland from the house, setting the dog at him, blazing away at him with a shotgun, and later attacking him on the church steps. The church, even, was divided on the affair; families were set against each other, and two or three court cases grew out of it. Hyland had perseverance and Jessie was constant, and, despite the combinations of clubs, shotguns and fierce dogs, they succeeded in ending their ten years' courtship. When Jessie's father and brother heard of the ending they decided that Hyland had fairly won his bride, and sent word to him to come over to the house, that all was forgiven. Maidstone people are singing psalms of rejoicing over the happy culmination of the long fight.—Chicago Chronicle.

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SHORT AND INTERESTING.

New York ranks seventh in railroad mileage. Illinois come first, with 10,408 miles; Pennsylvania, 9,294; Texas, 9,175; Kansas, 8,887; Iowa, 8,475; Ohio, 8,362; New York, 8,038.

An electric road, with a single overhead rail, from which the cars will be suspended, will unite Halle with Leipsic, Saxony. The 20-mile trip will be made, it is anticipated, in 15 minutes.

Down to the depth of 200 fathoms, where daylight disappears, the eyes of a fish get constantly bigger and bigger. Beyond that depth small-eyed forms set in, with long feelers developed to supplement the eyes.

A promising industry, for the employment of convict labor, has met a chilling reception. Some of the convicts in the Frankfort (Ky.) penitentiary have been endeavoring to turn an honest penny by making counterfeit money.

Tattooing is becoming all the rage in London, especially among society people. A member of parliament recently brought his wife and five children to a professional tattooer, and had them "decorated" with their names and address. The object is to facilitate identification in case of accident.

A bicycle with an electric motor, capable of running 30 miles an hour, has been invented by a young Irishman of New York city. It is also equipped with two rubber-shod iron legs, which make the wheel as steady as a chair when the rider desires to rest. When the wheel is in motion, these legs are automatically folded back.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.**

The coffee plant is a variety of the cinchona family.

As many as 253 students are entered for the course in "Modern Novels" which has been introduced in the curriculum of Yale university. The course is more popular than any other in Yale.

Salmon packers on the Pacific coast are worried over the report that the Russians are arranging for the establishment of several large salmon and herring canneries along the Siberian coast.

Russian scientific men have ascertained that out of 597 trees struck by lightning in the forests near Moscow 502 were white poplar. They advise farmers to plant poplars as natural lightning conductors.

Dr. C. F. Scott, state veterinarian of Wisconsin, has declared war on the flower called golden rod. He says that horses that eat it contract a peculiar disease resembling consumption, which is incurable and causes speedy death.

The sensations of great cold and great heat are the same, because the nerves can convey but one sensation, and heat is more dangerous, and, therefore, it is more necessary that the nerves should be able to give a warning of it.

**GLEANINGS AROAD.**

Only fair-haired men entered Tanarivo with Gen. Duchesne; the dark men all succumbed to the climate.

Henri Rochefort has gone back to the Figaro, the newspaper in which he won his first literary success. He will write the art criticisms.

It is told in London that new partnerships are formed with the condition that the partners shall not play golf; it is too engrossing.

An English coroner's jury has at last had the courage to return a verdict of "suicide through want," instead of the usual "while of unsound mind."

Mr. H. B. Cotton, bow oar of the Oxford crew in the last four races with Cambridge and a son of Lord Justice Cotton, died recently of consumption at Davos Platz.

His highness the Rajah-i-Rajgan Jagatjit Singh of Kapurthala, who visited the world's fair at Chicago, has just published in English the story of his travels in Europe and America.

Copenhagen has not lost trade so far by the opening of the Baltic-North sea canal, the number of vessels calling during the last three months being 1,035, against 1,028 in 1894.

**A HISTORY LESSON.**

It is said that the first Hebrew to be made an English peer was Sir Sampson Gideon, who was created Lord Eardley in 1769 by Mr. Pitt.

Rocking cradles for babies were used by the Egyptians many centuries before Christ. Among the pictures copied by Belzoni is one of an Egyptian mother at work with her foot on the cradle.

Tumblers of nearly the same shape and dimensions as those employed today have been found in great numbers in Pompeii. They were of gold, silver, glass, agate, marble and other semi-precious stones.

**CHIPS OF MIRTH.**

No man is a hero to his valet, but mighty few can understand why.—Puck.

Pat—"Phwat does they use grape-shot for?" Mike—"Shure, it is to give the enemy appendicitis."—Puck.

Justice—"What were you doing in Col. Pullet's chicken-coop?" Uncle Mose—"Fo' the Lawd, judge, I was jes taken de census."—Harlem Life.

The question is asked us if there is anything that will bring youth to woman. Yes, indeed; an income of, say, £2,000 a year will bring any number of them.—Tit-Bits.

"Yes, sir," said the promoter, "the railroad is assured. The company has been formed, the stock subscribed, and the receiver appointed. Oh, we are hustlers."—Detroit Tribune.

More Information.—Johnny—"Papa, what is meant by stagnation in stocks?" Papa—"It means that there is so little doing that you don't lose anything but your office expenses."—Puck.

Husband—"I have made all sorts of sacrifices for you. Now, what did you ever give up for me?" Wife—"What did I ever give up for you? Well, I never! Why, I gave up half-a-dozen of the nicest young men in town."—N. Y. Weekly.

**THE WORLD'S PAPER.**

In many parts of China paper shirts are used by the natives. They are said to be much warmer in cold weather than cotton.

There are said to be in the United States about 1,000 paper mills, having more than 3,000 machines in almost constant operation.

The cutters in factories where wood is used for making paper are capable of chopping up for use about 40 cords of wood a day.

The first paper mill in America was set up at Roxborough, near Philadelphia, in 1790, by William Bradford and William Rittenhouse.

The first hint of paper making in Europe was in Constantinople. The process was brought from China by way of Samarcand in A. D. 651.

A patent for the manufacture of wood paper, or paper made from the pulp of wood, was issued in England in 1853, and in America a year later.

There is no better way to keep the feet warm in winter than a sheet of ordinary newspaper wrapped around the foot before placing it in the shoe.

**TABLE DRINKS.**

Great Britain uses 18,000,000 pounds of cocoa every year.

Coffee can be grown successfully in all tropical countries.

The active chemical principle of cocoa is called theobromine.

The flake or rock cocoa is the cake made from the ground seeds.

The name of coffee is derived from the City of Kaffa in Arabia.

The oil of cocoa is extensively used in the manufacture of cosmetics.

The coffee plant grows wild in Arabia, Abyssinia and West Africa.

In the Amazon valley two crops of coffee may be gathered every year.

India has now become next to China, the largest tea-growing country.

Cocoa is made from the leaf of a plant closely resembling the holly.

The mate or Peruvian tea is made from a plant of the holly family.

**A LITTLE HILARITY.**

"Have you a bicycle suit, Larkin?" "I have." "Does it fit?" "My lawyer fears it will when it comes to trial."—Detroit Free Press.

"Just think, I have found three gray hairs in my head." "Ah, madam, as long as they can be counted they don't count."—Boston Beacon.

Poeticus—"Have you read Shakespeare's 'Love's Labor Lost'?" Cynicus—"No; but I've taken a girl to the theater and had her talk to the man next her all through the show."—N. Y. Herald.

"I must be just lovely to be the two-headed girl," said Ethel. "Just think of being able to look straight ahead of oneself and look back to see what the other woman has on at the same instant!"—Indianapolis Journal.

Whether happiness should come or not, one should try and prepare one's self to do without it.—George Eliot.

Some people are commended for a giddy kind of humor, which is no more a virtue than drunkenness.—Pope.

**Dampness Should Be Avoided.**

Dampness in dairy houses should be studiously avoided. Dampness produces fungoid growth, not only developing but increasing organic germs; and there are, when the conditions are favorable, countless invisible germs floating in the air to attack the milk and spoil it and the butter. Then beware of damp floors. A little lime scattered around, or placed in a box in the dairy house, will absorb a large quantity of the moisture. But the first important step to take is to see to the drainage; see that it is as perfect as possible.—Farmers' Review.

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**INTERESTING PICK-UPS.**

A Mrs. Mason, of Boston, shot and killed a fine deer in the Maine woods a few days ago.

Albert Chevalier, the music hall singer, confesses, in the autobiography he has just published, that his full name is Albert Onesimo Britannicus Gwathveoyd Louis Chevalier.

Lack of money is said to be the only reason why the catalogue of the great National Library in Paris is not printed. It is ready for the press, but successive ministries have refused to appropriate the sum needed.

One dollar for nearly a year of very hard work was all that the crew of the whaling bark Lydia received when they were paid off in San Francisco recently. They worked for their food and a share in the profits of the cruise, and this season has been the worst whaling season in many years.

Georgia has just made a strong effort toward obtaining good roads. A law has been passed by the legislature requiring all male persons between the ages of 15 and 50 to work on the roads five days in each year, or in lieu of working to pay to the county road fund one dollar a day for each of the five days.

**DOINGS IN EUROPE.**

Third-class dining-cars are to be tried on the Great Northern railway between London and Leeds.

A small planet, the tenth discovered this year and the 408th in the list, was recently discovered by Prof. Max Wolf, of Heidelberg.

Victor Emanuel's monument in the Pantheon at Rome has already cost \$2,000,000, and will need another \$3,000,000 before it is completed.

Germany is going to try the triple propeller system on several of her new warships. The only triple-screw steamer she now has is the Kaiserin Augusta.

In 1894 the amount per head consumed for drink in England, Scotland, and Ireland was respectively £8 17s. 4d., £3 1d., and £2 2s. 8d., proves that Ireland is twice as sober and once and a half as sober as Scotland.

Maria Christina of Savoy, daughter of King Victor Emanuel I. and first wife of Ferdinand II. of the Two Sicilies, by whom she became the mother of the ex-King Francis, who died last December, is soon to be beatified by the pope.

**ALL SORTS.**

California has produced a sweet-scented violet the size of a large pansy. At the present rate of increase this country will have a population of 190,000,000 in 1940.

A drop of castor oil in the eye to remove a foreign body is said to be as efficacious and often more manageable than the frequently mentioned flaxseed.

The most easterly part of the United States is Quoddy Head, Me.; the most westerly, Atto island, Alaska; the most northerly, Point Barrow, Alaska; the most southerly, Key West, Fla.

In the Argentine republic, instead of fining a drunkard, they sentence him to sweep the streets for eight days, and a similar punishment exists in St. Petersburg.

Irritating drugs—such as salts of arsenic, copper, zinc and iron—should usually be given after food, except where local conditions require their administration in small doses before eating.

In London—unlike other cities, especially New York and Vienna—no house is permitted to exceed in height the width of the street in front, and the number of inhabitants is limited by law.

**TALKING OF PEOPLE.**

Prof. Max Muller can converse in 18 different languages.

The queen of Portugal has been studying medicine for some time in order to be better able to care for her invalid husband.

Edouard Remenyi, the noted Hungarian violinist, although over 60 years of age, has abated none of his youthful enthusiasm and industry.

It is reported in India that the mikado of Japan means to visit England next year, and that the queen, having heard of his intention, has sent him an invitation.

President Faure of France is a very carefully dressed man, and, it is said, spends a large sum annually at his tailor's. He is somewhat fussy about his clothes, but there are those of the ancient regime who assert that he does not know how to dress becomingly.

**FASHION'S FANCIES.**

Cover your sofa cushion with Roman stripes in soft silk.

Some lace bands show large, round figures, connected by a vine scroll. Children's frocks are made in large plaids, trimmed with broad velvet collar.

Lounging jackets of floral striped taffeta satin ribbon and lace are popular.

A pretty way of fastening plain cloth jackets is diagonally, with large pearl buttons.

Ermine muffs and ermine bonnet and cloak trimmings are much worn by little girls.

Very handsome waists are made of chine silk, chiffon, velvet and iridescent trimming.—Home Queen.

**SPICES AND CONDIMENTS.**

Pepper has always been regarded as a tonic and stimulant to digestion.

Four species of plants produce capscium, or the red pepper of commerce. Caraway seeds are regarded as a stimulant and an efficient aid to digestion.

**A SAILOR'S STORY.**

An Old Salt Speaks in Norwalk.

The life of a sailor has many ups and downs. The hardships of the man who sails the briny deep are not appreciated by the land lubbers who know not what it is to struggle with the elements to keep above water, it takes brawn and muscle and good constitutions, to stand it. While men, even the hardest when they return from nautical life find the exposure has left them with a legacy, as a constant reminder of the past. And often when a Jolly Jack Tar is relating an experience the back that has carried him through it all is burdened with a far heavier burden. Our representative had a pleasant chat the other day with just such a man. A sailor for thirty years. Thos. Cooney, by name, a Norwalk citizen residing at No. 73 Harbor Ave. he has also held the position of dockmaster for ten years and to add to the difficulties he has had to contend with, he fell from a tree when a boy striking a fence. This accident left him with back trouble and the life on the water with its hardships added their share until he found backache was more or less a steady thing, coming on from time to time. Like most people, he did not understand that it came from the kidney, but reading that Doan's Kidney Pills cured backache he got a box at Hale's drug store and was surprised to find how quickly they acted. Why, says Mr. Cooney, they simply cured me and you may be sure I have a good word for Doan's Kidney Pills they have done such good work for me. I shall be glad to tell anyone about it who wishes to know.

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The Piano Contest.

The sudden start made by St. Mary's school yesterday and the capturing of first place, has caused the other leaders to come forward to-day with their reserve ballots, and while Hope Hose has captured second position the Norwalk Yacht club takes the lead for the second time during the contest.

To-morrow will more than likely show some other contestant at the head now that the ballots are beginning to come in lively.

Another Town Meeting.

The selectmen have called another town meeting for Monday next, to repeal the vote authorizing the selectmen to macadamize the Connecticut Turnpike. This action is taken on the advice of the town attorney, who advises that this action is illegal. Whatever may be the opinion of the Town officials the vote should stand and the work should be done.

The Last Opportunity.

To-day and to-morrow will be the last opportunity the people will have to assist Phoenix Engine company by purchasing tickets for "Delmonico's at Six," which is to be presented at the Opera House for their benefit to-morrow night.

The people have responded most generously in purchasing tickets; also the merchant with their advertisements, but there are yet a number who have not secured tickets and to these we would say, hunt up some Phoenix member and purchase a ticket, and thus assist in making their benefit a most glorious one.

Will Be Dated.

Several of the leaders in the contest for the EVENING GAZETTE'S piano have called upon us and requested that we return to the original plan of dating the coupons, in order that each contestant will have some knowledge of the strength of the other.

Upon consideration we have decided to comply with their wishes, and will on April 6th next, commence and date the ballots each day as was done at the opening of the contest, allowing one week in which to deposit them.

We have set the date for the sixth of April in order that all contestants will have ample time in which to hand in the ballots low out. After that time no ballots will be received unless dated as stated above.

Kentucky's Humiliation.

In the history of Kentucky are several occurrences of which Kentucky is or should be ashamed. Others of the sovereign states of the Union are similarly circumstanced so it is well to be careful before pointing the finger of scorn. But it does not now appear that legislative conditions have been as disgraceful anywhere else, for some years at least, as they have recently been and still are in Kentucky. It is not difficult to understand how the friction of practical politics generates warmth that at times becomes excessive, but how men of state and national repute can permit personal violence in their behalf to be leveled at the state lawmakers is an unsolved puzzle.

For several days the Kentucky legislature has been apparently helpless in the grasp of a group of thugs and professional brawlers. The civil forces of the state have been either unable or unwilling to crush the miniature rebellion; therefore Governor Bradley has ordered out state troops in such numbers as make it reasonably certain that further interference with the legislature will be impossible. The situation is wholly discreditable to Kentucky and to the United States. That troops should occasionally have to take the field against lawless people is not surprising, even in this land of the free, but it is astonishing that the militia should ever be called upon to quell a disturbance arising from the intimidation of a state legislature by outside bruisers. Small wonder that Europe sometimes laughs at our boasted civilization.

HERE AND THERE.

Frames made by J. T. Hayes.

Clean cut the gutters before the thaw comes.

Read Charles E. Schueber's new ad in this issue.

Councilman Tristram and Kent are on the sick list.

"Delmonico's at Six," at 8 to-morrow night in the Opera House.

Broker A. E. Bohme leaves for a visit in Southern Climes to-day.

Mrs. Singer is sick with intermittent fever at her home on Camp street.

Don't forget the Phoenix benefit, Wednesday evening March 18th.

Mrs. E. H. Morehouse, of Arch street is spending the day in New York city.

The case of Lally vs. Hanlon is being tried in the Common Pleas court to-day.

Ten transients were provided with lodging at the tramp quarters last night.

Flour 50 cents a bag at Betts & Farrington's.

Newsman Hayes distributed free of charge several hundred artificial sham-rocks today.

Norwalk was treated to a storm of thunder, lightning, wind, rain, hail and snow last evening.

The Stamford Tribune is authority for the statement that Dan Keefe is a scientific boxer.

Closing out at bargain, Harvey Goods at retail at less than cost.

John Tubey is moving from Franklin Belden avenue to-day, and his old store is advertised for rent.

The second degree was conferred on eight candidates at Our Brothers Lodge, I. O. O. F., last evening.

Fine butter 25 cents per pound at Betts & Farrington's.

On and after April 6th, the ballots in the EVENING GAZETTE'S piano contest will be dated. See notice on page 4.

The County Commissions have granted a license to John M. Marsh, proprietor of the Garden theatre, Danbury.

A large number of Norwalk Knights Templars are in Bridgeport to-day, as are also a number of Norwalk lawyers.

"Delmonico's at Six," Wednesday evening March 18th.

One hundred and fifty extra seats have been provided for the "Delmonico's at Six" entertainment to-morrow night.

The old boat house known as the Selleck boat house caved in last night owing to the heavy weight of snow on its back.

Four pounds ginger snags 25 cents at Betts & Farrington's.

Clinton Commandery, No. 3, K. T., will confer the Red Cross degree upon a Masonic brother from Stamford, Friday night.

Miss Allen of New Haven has been engaged to succeed Miss Capron, resigned, as assistant principal of the Over River School.

The cost to the city for the removal of the snow on Wall street was \$1.25. The balance was paid for by the Street Railway and Tramway companies.

A thoroughly competent young lady will be at our Kitchen Dept. every day this week to offer suggestions and formulas as to the best means of preparing dainty dishes. "THE BOSTON STORE."

Last year at this time George Hendricks had netted 400 pounds of smelt. This year 4 ounces would cover the weight. The law will be on April 15th.

Visit the Kitchen Dept. of the Boston Store and try a cup of extra fine Bouillon served free every day during the week.

The case of Lally vs. D. Hanlon will probably be continued in the Common Pleas Court to-day, for one week at the request of the counsel for the defendant.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sanford, of Redding, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary, last Saturday. Mr. Sanford is 71 years of age and his wife 68.

Now is the time to buy crockery and glassware. Everything goes at cost or below. H. H. Williams

Patrick Burke, one of the oldest Irish residents of Danbury, died in that city yesterday, aged 81 years. He had been a resident of Danbury for forty-five years.

Prof. Fred Hall, the pool expert, will give exhibition games in Lowell, Mass., to-night, going from there to Manchester, N. H., thence to Portland, Me. and from there to Bangor, giving exhibition pool games in those cities.

There was a knock-down and a runaway near the corner of River and Wall streets about 10 o'clock, last evening. The man who was knocked down had a damp spot in which to measure his length but finally managed to regain his feet and walk away.

Help the Phoenix boys by purchasing tickets for "Delmonico's at Six," Opera House Wednesday evening, 18th.

The walk about the Tennis ground is being freed of its burden of snow and slush to the delight of those who are in the habit of using it to reach their home.

Big bargains in crockery and glassware. All goods to be sold at cost. H. H. Williams.

Hard wood floors will be laid in the Pioneer Hook and Ladder company's parlor and instead of purchasing a carpet as was proposed, rugs will be substituted.

Don't forget "Delmonico's at Six," Wednesday evening March 18th.

A Card.

The undersigned desire to express their thanks to those who so kindly gave them help and comfort in their bereavement over the loss of wife and mother, the late Kate Gertrude Platt, and also to Painters' Union, No. 230, of Norwalk.

CHAUNCEY L. PLATT AND CHILDREN.

Throw Away His Canes.

Mr. D. Wiley, ex-postmaster, Black Creek, N. Y., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism that he was only able to hobble around with canes, and even then it caused him great pain. After using Chamberlain's Pain Balm he was so much improved that he threw away his canes. He says this liniment did him more good than all other medicines and treatment put together. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by E. P. Weed, Druggist.

Why Not?

We give you ideas of fashion. Can't we offer a suggestion as to how to improve your menu? Commencing Tuesday, March 17th and continuing all the week, an expert demonstrator will be at our store to show you how to prepare dainty dishes and offer ideas for afternoon teas, receptions, etc. A refreshing dainty luncheon will be served free in the basement. The Boston store, cor. Main and Wall Sts., Norwalk.

SOUTH NORWALK.

The South Norwalk Fish club met last night.

Collax Encampment held their regular meeting last night.

The roadway over Gosling brook caved in again this morning.

The Misses Mary and Grace Atteridge, of Stamford, are visiting friends in this city.

The regular meeting of Old Well Lodge, F. and A. M., will be held to-night.

The Red Men will meet to-night and work the Hunter's degree on three candidates.

Conductor E. I. Taylor of the Consolidated, is confined to his home on Grove street by illness.

Clerk Ferris of the town court, slipped and fell on Clay street this morning badly wrenching an ankle.

The water pipes in the cellar of the Post Office building burst this morning and the cellar was flooded.

The Chautauqua Union did not meet last night, the meeting having been postponed until next Monday evening.

John Tromble won the first choice and L. H. Cummings the second at the pipe raffia in Frowbridge's cigar store last night.

The funeral of William C. Hulse, who died of pneumonia at his home in Rowayton on Saturday, was held this afternoon.

Closing out stock, fixtures, lease cheap. Harvey.

Frank Sherman, of West street, who has been sick with the measles, has recovered and the quarantine was lifted this morning.

Theodore Olsler, the shoe dealer, has purchased a tame raccoon weighing 22 lbs. and Theodore allows it to roam about the store and talk politics with the customers.

The Sewing Circle of the Woman's Missionary association of the Congregational church, are meeting with Miss Annie Selleck, of Crescent Terrace, this afternoon.

Sir Knights Fred L. Baxter and George Backmaster of Clinton Commandery, No. 3, K. T., attended the Masonic dedication exercises and a banquet in Bridgeport, last night.

Despite the inclement weather last evening the San Ceremonie club and some of their young gentlemen friends visited the cottage, where they are to give their dance to-night, and decorated the rooms.

General and Mrs. W. D. F. Prentiss, of the Woodward place, started to-day for a trip to South Carolina for the benefit of the General's health. He has been in very poor health for some time past and hopes to recover through the change of climate.

Miss Carss, of the Teachers' college, of New York, gave her lecture on "Flower Culture" in the Franklin street school hall last evening. A large number were present and all enjoyed Miss Carss' lecture very much. This morning Miss Carss talked to the lower grades in the school hall.

Patrick Slamon, of Meriden, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home at Noroton, absent on a furlough, went to Hartford, Saturday night, to see a relative. He fell through the trestle work north of the Hartford station and fractured three ribs. At last reports his condition was regarded as serious.

Great bargains throughout, Harvey

Mr. Edgar Abbott will give the last of his course of Shakespearean lectures in the parlors of the Baptist church this evening. The play under discussion will be "As You Like It."

Senator and Mrs. John H. Ferris entertained the Veteran Whist club at their palatial home on West street last evening. Eight tables of players were present despite the inclement weather and all spent an enjoyable evening. Mrs. Ida S. Keep won the ladies prize and Mr. C. S. Trowbridge the gentleman's. After the game a fine collation was served.

The adjourned meeting of the board of councilmen was held in the council chamber last night with Mayor Lee presiding and the following councilmen present: Hatch, Ferris, Weed, Kendall, Hutchinson and Pearson. An invitation from Father Winters to attend his lecture this evening was read and accepted. The Committee on Finance were instructed to re-new the following notes: \$1,000 due on the 17th, one for \$2,000 due on the 31st, one for \$3,000 due on April 2d. The Mayor was authorized to call a special city meeting for next Monday evening in Arion hall. The resignation of R. J. Cu'bill as Fire Marshall was received and accepted. The council refused to grant the petition of the D. A. R. to place a memorial tablet at the junction of High and West streets as the committee reported unfavorably and for other reasons. The Committee on Finance was authorized to borrow \$1,500 from the Water Commissioners for the city's use. A. E. Winchester as representative of the Electric Light Commissioners was authorized to replace fire alarm box 3 with a new one and to repair other boxes. The meeting then adjourned.

Many merchants are well aware that their customers are their best friends and take pleasure in supplying them with the best goods obtainable. As an instance we mention Perry & Cameron, prominent druggists of Flushing, Michigan. They say: "We have no hesitation in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to our customers as it is the best cough medicine we have ever sold, and always gives satisfaction." For sale at 25 and 50 cents a bottle by E. P. Weed, Druggist.

NEWS NOTES FROM EUROPE.

Vodka, which being interpreted is Russian brandy, is now to be found on all Parisian bills of fare.

Mr. Asquith, late English home secretary, has broken with all precedents by appearing as counsel in a law case.

France has solved the problem of applying the rule for compulsory military service to priests by assigning them to ambulance work.

From Turin 89 brothers of the order of St. Francis de Sales and 20 sisters were sent out in October as missionaries to South America.

Grand Duke Alexander Mikhailovitch, who married Czar Nicholas' sister Xenia a year and a half ago, has consumption, and has been ordered to the Caucasus.

A concession to build a carriage road from Teheran to Bagdad and also to build electric railroads in the suburbs of Teheran has just been granted to a German contractor.

At Berlin the academy of arts is preparing an exhibition of the paintings of Adolf Menzel, Andreas Achenbach and Julius Schrader, who are all now 80 years old and still painting.

Paris boulevards will soon be as dull as downtown streets at night. The book stores have now agreed to close at ten instead of midnight; the other retail stores have long been closing early; the only lights to be seen when the theaters let out will be in restaurants.

Two Sponges

The Kidneys may be likened to two sponges through which the blood of the body passes. These human sponges take the waste matter from the blood and carry it away. When the Kidneys become clogged illness follows. Backache is a symptom of Kidney trouble.

Baker's Kidney Pills

will relieve clogged Kidneys—they dissolve the matter which clogs them and relieve the inflammation and Backache which is caused by the stoppage. They are made of vegetable products and contain no narcotics or injurious drugs. The pills cost 50 cents at the druggists. Book about Kidney trouble free.

Baker Pill Co., Bangor, Me.

Having purchased the Market of E. J. WADHAMS, I have restocked the same with Meats, Fish, Vegetables and Canned goods, and so on a share of your patronage

CHARLES E. SCHEUBER, 21 Wall Street.

Was an Even Thing. Mrs. Upton—My dear, one servant is not enough in the kitchen now. We must have two.

Mr. Upton—Good lands! We have three daughters, and only yesterday I paid a big bill for their tuition in a cooking school.

Mrs. Upton—Yes, that's what's the matter. They are all assisting at the cooking, and Bridget says she must have additional help to clean up the muss.

TO RENT.

TO RENT—House No. 10 Orchard St., suitable for either one or two families. Bath, city water, furnace fruit. Inquire of GEORGE P. ELLS or JAMES MITCHELL. m102w

TO RENT—House and barn No. 21 High St., Norwalk. Thirteen rooms, closets, bath, city water, furnace fruit. Inquire of GEORGE P. ELLS or JAMES MITCHELL. m102w

TO RENT—The offices in Lockwood's building from April 1st next. F. ST. JOHN LOCKWOOD

TO RENT—The store No. 4 Franklin avenue, formerly occupied by John Tubey. Apply to JOSEPH BAGEN. m173t

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Reference required. Apply at this office.

WANTED—Purchasers for our floor paints; 50 different shades, dry hard in 12 hours. South Norwalk Hardware Co.

WANTED—Corresponding agent in every town, to report on parties regarding opening or refitting saloons, by the largest saloon manufacturers in the world. Good man can make \$5,000. BROTHERS, 739 Broadway, N. Y.

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MYLES AROON,

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HEAR MACK SING—"Maggie My Own," "The Art of Making Love," "I'm Proud I'm Irish," "An Irish Lad's Wooing," "My Sweetheart," "Mack's Swing Song," "The Prettiest Melodies You Have Ever Heard."

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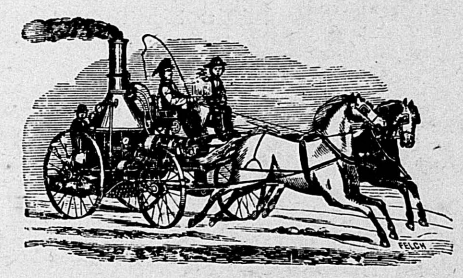
Will sell until April 1st The Balance of their Ladies \$3.50 Calf Shoes at \$2.00 a pair. The Balance of the \$3.00 Cloth Top Shoes at \$2.00 a pair. There is still a few of the best of the Men's \$1.48 Cork Sole Shoes left, "all sizes," worth \$2 and \$2.50. Don't forget that \$3.50 Men's Patent Leather Shoes are sold at \$1.95. The biggest bargain in town. A full line of Trunks, Bags and Macintoshes at the

White Shoe Store. NORWALK OPERA HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, Benefit of Phoenix Engine Company.

J. M. WARD'S HIGH-CLASS FARCIAL COMEDY,

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The very Newest of Clever Specialties, Bright Songs, Beautiful Costumes and a continuous variety of Laughable, Situations and Funny Hits with the following Star Cast:

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AN ENTERTAINMENT OF UPROARIOUS FUN Tickets, - - - 50 Cents.

Which can be exchanged at Weed's and Tomlinson's drug stores for reserved seats.

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## SPAIN'S LAST OUTRAGE

An American Bound by Soldiers, Then Shot and Left for Dead.

WILLIAMS IS AFTER THEM.

Investigation Will Be Made Promptly. The Idiotic Blunder by Which Spanish Troops Shot Their Own Men Down—Macao on the Go.

HAVANA, March 17.—Dr. Jose Manuel Delgado, the American citizen who is reported to have been shot and nearly killed by Spanish troops under the command of General Melqui, arrived here yesterday. He is so seriously injured that he had to be carried on a stretcher.

The captain general has promised the promptest inquiry into the circumstances in the case, and has given assurances that the guilty persons will be most severely punished.

Dr. Delgado says that a number of the employees of the Delgado plantation, near Baines, have been killed by the troops, including the brothers Tipia and the two Guerras, father and son.

The circumstances in the case, so far as they can be gathered at present, seem to point to a most gross and deliberate outrage upon the part of the Spanish soldiery who were made aware that Dr. Delgado and his aged father were both American citizens. But this fact appears to have had no weight with the Spanish officers, and Dr. Delgado was said to have been bound and shot without trial and without any justification. The doctor was left for dead and eight of his father's employees were killed.

The United States consul general, Mr. Ramon O. Williams, has taken the matter in hand, and no stone will be left unturned to bring the Spaniards to justice.

The Cano Disaster.

Captain General Weyler has ordered a thorough investigation to be made into the disaster at Cano, seven miles from here, by which 13 soldiers belonging to the San Quintan battalion were killed, and a captain, four lieutenants and 27 soldiers belonging to the same corps were wounded by the Spanish garrison of that town, who mistook the Spaniards for a band of insurgents who had previously attacked the place, burned a plantation and had been repulsed.

The burning plantation attracted the attention of the commander of the San Quintan battalion, who immediately hurried toward Cano in order to assist the garrison. The soldiers defending that place, no sooner saw the approach of the troops than a volley was fired from the town, and the firing was answered by the soldiers of the San Quintan battalion, who naturally believed the enemy had captured

the place. The advancing troops then charged, and the mistake was eventually discovered by the cheers for Spain and the notes of the Spanish bugle sounding the charge. But the harm had been done, and there is little doubt but that the commander of the garrison at Cano will be tried by court martial. During the firing all the families of the town lay terror-stricken on the floors of their dwellings, which, being mostly of wood, were riddled with bullets. The insurgents have burned the fields, wharf and sugar depot of Dolores, in the Remedios district of the province of Santa Clara, and they have also destroyed by fire the fields and splendid buildings of the Laterinto plantation.

**Insurgent Brigadier Dead.**  
The insurgent brigadier, Porquito Perez, died recently in the vicinity of Barabás, in the Remedios district, in which neighborhood seven countrymen were recently hanged for supplying vegetables to detachments of Spanish troops.

A dispatch from Violette says that several families of that place have been compelled to fly for protection to the neighboring towns in order to escape outrages at the hands of the insurgents.

Macao is described as marching rapidly through the province of Pinar del Rio. While passing through the Batabano district the insurgents plundered a number of houses and stores and reduced a town to ashes. All the documents belonging to the municipality and the Spanish bank were burned.

About 60 families arrived here today seeking refuge from persecution upon the part of the insurgents, who are reported to be committing great depredations.

Bernardo Fernandez, a prominent citizen and described as the "father" of the burned town, was killed by the insurgents, who also burned the village of Guara.

Colonel Hernandez, at Waterloo and Calixto, south of Artemisa, province of Pinar del Rio, has split into two a large band of insurgents which were following the route of his column. The insurgents lost four killed. The column of troops commanded by Colonel Lescano started in pursuit of one part of the insurgent force, and the Spanish forces from Neptuno also took part in the pursuit. They caught up with the insurgents between Minerva and Neptuno. The insurgents, who were marching westward, left six killed on the field, and the troops lost seven killed.

**A Madrid View.**

LONDON, March 17.—The Madrid correspondent of The Standard says: "In political circles it is believed that even should the United States pass the concurrent resolution, President Cleveland will sound Spain as to her intentions with regard to carrying out the Cuban home rule bill which the cortes passed in 1895 before proclaiming recognition of the insurgents. It is also rumored that an entente between Spain and America with a view to granting autonomy to the West Indies would be supplemented by a commercial reciprocity treaty between the Spanish West Indies

and the United States.

**Advertise in the GAZETTE.**

### Big Fire in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, March 17.—Fire destroyed the four story brick building at 747 Cedar avenue, owned by the F. B. Kimball estate, and an adjoining residence owned by H. A. Vaughan. The Kimball building was occupied by a number of manufacturing concerns, all of whom lost everything. The loss will approximate \$45,000.

**Editor Reiner's Bail Reduced.**

TRENTON, March 17.—Judge Vansickle in the supreme court today reduced from \$13,000 to \$5,200 the amount of the bail of Dr. Reiner, the Elizabeth (N. J.) editor, who has been in the Union county prison for some time awaiting trial under 26 indictments found against him for libeling Mayor Rankin of Elizabeth.

**Cherokee Bill to Be Hanged.**

FORT SMITH, Ark., March 17.—Dispatches from Washington settle the fate of Cherokee Bill, the outlaw, and he will hang on St. Patrick's day. On Nov. 18, 1894, Cherokee Bill and Verdigris Kid, another citizen of the territory, sacked the town of Lenapah, I. T. Cherokee Bill killed Ernest Melton.

**The Venezuelan Muddle.**

LONDON, March 17.—The undersecretary of state for foreign affairs, Mr. George N. Curzon, in the house of commons today admitted that the government had received official proposals from the United States relative to the Venezuelan dispute, and that they were now under consideration.

**Socialists Give Trouble.**

LONDON, March 17.—A Vienna dispatch reports that several scuffles occurred in that city owing to the demonstrations made by thousands of Socialists returning from the cemetery, where they went to place wreaths upon the graves of the victims of the revolution of 1848.

**Gold and Silver Ratio.**

VIENNA, March 17.—In the reichsrath today a resolution was adopted to the effect that the government lend active support to efforts which may be initiated by other governments with the object of fixing the value of gold and silver by international agreement.

**British in South Africa.**

LONDON, March 17.—The Standard announces that Admiral Rawson, commander of the Cape Colony station, and General Goodenough, commander of the British forces in Cape Colony, are formulating an important scheme for coast defense in South Africa.

**Aggrieved Dr. Peters.**

BERLIN, March 17.—The National Zeitung says that Dr. Peters has resigned the chairmanship of the Colonial society and has requested the foreign office to institute an inquiry into his conduct while German imperial commissioner in Africa.

**A Steamer Blown Up.**

LONDON, March 17.—The British steamer Matadi, which sailed from Sierra Leone on Feb. 5, has been totally destroyed by an explosion of gunpowder. Some of her passengers and crew were saved, but many are missing.

**Wilhelm's Latest Scheme.**

LONDON, March 17.—The correspondent of The Pall Mall Gazette at Berlin telegraphs that he learns from a high dignitary that the emperor will inaugurate notable changes in the reichsland after the coronation of the czar.

## IMMIGRATION'S EVILS.

A Powerful Address by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts.

TO KEEP OUT THE IGNORANT.

The Pending Bill Will Not Affect the Intelligent Mechanics Who Now Come Over—Cuba Again to the Front. Routine in the House.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Crowded senate galleries have become the rule since the Cuban debate began, and there was the usual full attendance today. In the opening prayer Rev. Isaac Cantor referred to the prevailing unrest and excitement and besought divine interposition for peace.

Mr. Elkins (Rep., W. Va.) made early reference to the Cuban question by offering a resolution directing the committee on foreign relations before the vote was taken on the Cuban resolutions to make a report to the senate of all material facts on the subject, stating specifically whether a state of war now exists in Cuba, how long it has been in existence, how many men are engaged on the respective sides, whether the insurgents have adopted a constitution and organized a government and at what place the seat of government is carried on, what places and ports are occupied by the insurgents, what rights the pending resolution would confer on the insurgents and to what extent they would affect our relations with Spain.

Mr. Sherman asked that the resolution go over under the rules until tomorrow, and Mr. Elkins assented.

Mr. Call (Dem., Fla.) secured the adoption of a resolution calling on the secretary of the treasury for information as to the detention of vessels supposed to be carrying arms to Cuba and the legal authority for such a course.

Mr. Palmer (Dem., Ill.) offered a resolution, which went over, declaring that the unlimited coinage of silver by the United States would subvert existing legal and commercial values.

Mr. Cannon, the new senator from Utah, made his first speech, sharply criticizing Secretary Hoke Smith for the latter's recent response to a senate resolution as to the Indian lands.

Mr. Cannon characterized the secretary's course as discourteous, misleading and evasive and protested in behalf of the west at the lack of information and intelligent action by the secretary on matters affecting the western country.

At 1 o'clock Mr. Lodge (Rep., Mass.) was recognized for a speech on immigration, in addition to the resolution for additional immigration laws.

**Senator Lodge's Speech.**

Senator Lodge showed that by existing law paupers, diseased persons, convicts and contract laborers are now denied admission to the United States. By the bill under consideration it was proposed to make a new class of excluded immigrants—viz, the totally ignorant. Two questions arose in connection with the bill—first, as to the merits of this particular form of restriction, and second, as to the general policy of restricting immigration at all. It was found as a result of investigation that the illiteracy test would bear most heavily upon the Italians, Russians, Poles, Hungarians, Greeks and Asiatics, and very lightly, or not at all, upon English speaking immigrants, or Germans, Scandinavians and French.

"The races which would suffer most seriously by exclusion under the proposed bill," he said, "are the west or south, where immigration is needed, but who remain on the Atlantic seaboard, where immigration is not needed and where their presence is most injurious and undesirable.

"The immigrants excluded by the illiteracy test are those who remain for the most part the longest, massing in our great cities. They furnish a large proportion of the population of the slums."

The question of the advisability of restricting immigration was a subject the senator thought of the greatest magnitude and the most far-reaching importance.

"If," he continued, "we have any regard for the welfare, the wages or the standard of life of American workingmen, we should take immediate steps to restrict foreign immigration. There is no danger, at present at all events, to our workingmen from the coming of skilled mechanics or of trained and educated men with a settled occupation or pursuit, for immigrants of this class will never seek to lower the standard of American life and wages. On the contrary, they desire the same standard for themselves.

**The Real Danger.**

"But here is an appalling danger to the American wage earner from the flood of low, unskilled, ignorant, foreign labor which has poured into the country for some years past, and which not only takes lower wages, but accepts a standard of life and living so low that the American workingman cannot compete with it. The injury of unrestricted immigration to American wages and American standards of living is sufficiently plain, and is bad enough, but the danger which this immigration threatens to the quality of our citizenship is far worse.

"More precious even than forms of government are the mental and moral qualities which make what we call our race. While these stand unimpaired all is safe. When these decline, all is imperiled. They are exposed to but a single danger, and that is by changing the quality of our race and citizenship through the wholesale infusion of races whose traditions and inheritance, whose thoughts and whose beliefs are wholly alien to ours, and with whom we have never assimilated or even been associated in the past. The danger has begun. It is small as yet, comparatively speaking, but it is large enough to warn us to act while there is yet time and while it can be done easily and efficiently. There lies the peril at the portals of our land, where is pressing in the tide of unrestricted immigration. The time has certainly come, if not to stop, at least to check, to sift and to restrict those immigrants."

Mr. Lodge spoke for an hour, and was followed by Mr. Pugh (Dem., Ala.) in support of the silver amendment to the tariff bill. Mr. Pugh argued that the economic troubles of the United States were caused by an insufficient and congested currency.

This was suspension day in the house under the rules.

A resolution was adopted directing the secretary of war to make a survey and estimate the cost of a breakwater at Marquette Bay, Wis.

A bill was also passed granting to the C., B. and Q. Railroad company, lessees of the Atchison and Nebraska railroad,

right of way through the Sac and Fox Indian reservations.

**The State of California Wins.**

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Chief Justice Fuller, in the supreme court, today handed down the decision of the court in the cases of the people of the state of California against the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific Railroad companies, involving the right of the state to tax the franchises of those roads. The decision was against the companies.

**Uncle Sam Beats Texas.**

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The case of the United States versus the State of Texas, involving the ownership of Greer county, was decided in the supreme court today in favor of the United States. Justice Harlan handed down the opinion. The case involves 1,500,000 acres.

**Rusk Will Keep His Seat.**

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Election committee No. 2 today decided the contested election case of William S. Booz versus Harry W. Rusk from the third Maryland district. The committee voted unanimously to allow Rusk to retain his seat.

**THE DISCOVERY OF CANADA.**

Discussion Aroused Over a Bill to Celebrate the Fourth Centennial.

MONTREAL, March 17.—In the Ontario legislature a discussion has occurred on Mr. Howland's bill providing for the erection of a commission to carry out the proposal to hold a historical exhibition in Toronto next year for the purpose of celebrating the four hundredth year of the discovery of Canada. The bill gives the commissioners power to issue debentures to the amount of not exceeding \$250,000, bearing not exceeding 3 per cent per annum interest. Mr. Ewanturel of Prescott took exception to the bill because it was set forth in the preamble that John and Sebastian Cabot were the discoverers of Canada. He declared that the legislature as a body could not presume to settle a question about which the historians of the country differed. Mr. Howland denied any intention of depriving Jacques Cartier of the honor of having carried the first European flag to what were then the old provinces of Canada, but said that in a sense it might be said that the Cabots were the discoverers of Canada, because Cape Breton, where they landed, is now a part of Canada. The bill was referred to a select committee.

**Favor Women Delegates.**

ATCHISON, Kan., March 17.—The Methodist Episcopal conference of Kansas, in annual session here, adopted resolutions favoring the admission of women as delegates to the general conference, expressing confidence in the prohibitory law of Kansas and favoring the proposed act now pending before congress to prohibit the issuing of liquor licenses in states having prohibitory laws.

**Ex-Governor Ireland Dead.**

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 17.—Ex-Governor John Ireland of Seguin died here of neuralgia of the heart. He was born in Hart county, Ky., in 1827, came to Texas in 1853, served in the Confederate army, and after the war served in the legislature on the supreme bench and two terms as governor. Twice he came near being elected United States senator.

**Death of Rev. C. W. Schaeffer.**

PHILADELPHIA, March 17.—Rev. Charles William Schaeffer, professor of church history in the Lutheran theological seminary at Germantown, and one of the most prominent Lutheran divines in the state, died at his home in Germantown of heart failure. He was born in Hagerstown, Md., in 1815.

**Destructive Australian Hailstorm.**

MELBOURNE, March 17.—A terrible hailstorm has occurred here, the hailstones being the largest on record. Windows were smashed and buildings unroofed and wrecked by the force of the storm. Shipping also was damaged and sunk, and trees were uprooted. One woman is reported killed.

**Death of a St. Paul Newspaper Man.**

ST. PAUL, March 17.—Carl Neuhausen, a well known newspaper man, died here after several weeks' illness. He was 56 years old and was a member of a noble German family. He had been active in journalism, having worked in Wheeling, Pittsburg and St. Paul.

**Mrs. Ashmead Bartlett Dead.**

LONDON, March 17.—Mrs. Ashmead Bartlett, mother of Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, M. P., and Mr. William Lehman Bartlett-Counts, husband of Baroness Burdett-Coutts, is dead. She was the widow of Mr. Ellis Bartlett, a dissenting minister of Plymouth, Mass.

**Will Go to Yale.**

OSWEGO, N. Y., March 17.—Benjamin W. Bacon, for many years rector of the Congregational church, has announced his retirement and his intended withdrawal from the ministry to accept a position in the Yale Divinity school.

**The Advance on Dongola.**

CAIRO, March 17.—The Egyptian troops have started for Wady Halfa, where the entire Sudan expeditionary force is expected to be assembled on April 1, on which date the advance on Dongola will be commenced.

**Offerory to Pope Leo.**

ROME, March 17.—A commission from the diocese of Buffalo, consisting of the Rev. Fathers Barlow, Brougham, Sullivan and Hamel, have presented a generous offerory to the pope from the Catholics of Buffalo.

**Rumor of a Gift Unfounded.**

NEW YORK, March 17.—John D. Rockefeller says there is no truth in the report current in Cleveland that he is about to give to that city property on Case and Prospect streets as a site for a proposed art gallery.

**Schooner Hastings Sunk.**

LEWES, Del., March 17.—Schooner B. F. Hastings, cargo oysters, Chincoteague for Norfolk, struck a sunken wreck off Wachapreagus shoal and sunk. The crew barely escaped and saved nothing.

**Northern Pacific in England.**

LONDON, March 17.—The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon says that the Northern Pacific railroad reorganization scheme is not appreciated here. Northern Pacific preferred declined 3 1/2 today.

**Portugal's Debt.**

LISBON, March 17.—The minister of finance intends to ask the cortes for authority to convert the entire Portuguese debt.

**Advertise in the "Gazette"**

**Colorado's Rich Goldfields.**

CREEDE, Colo., March 17.—Great excitement prevails here, caused by Anton Frank and O. H. Mayatt bringing in several rich samples of ore, containing free milling gold. An assay showed \$4,938 to the ton. Information can be obtained as to the whereabouts of the claim, except that it is within three miles of Creede.

**The Salvation Army.**

WINNIPEG, March 17.—Herbert Booth, the head of the Salvation Army in Canada, will give up his command and leave the country on June 1.

**Salt Rheum Case.**

THOMAS WYANT, 365 Monroe Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., writes:

"November 27, 1895.

"SALVA-CEA is the best friend I have had for six years. Having been a sufferer for that length of time with Salt Rheum, and after trying almost every remedy known, without getting any relief, I tried a box of SALVA-CEA, and can honestly say I was cured before using the entire box."

In advertising SALVA-CEA we mention nothing but facts. We do not say it will do things that it will not do, and the public appreciate this.

It is the best remedy for piles, ulcerations, old sores, skin irritation, chilblains, colds, and nasal catarrh.

Two sizes, 25 and 50 cents per box. At druggists, or by mail.

For deep-seated pain and rheumatism of the Joints use Salva-CEA, "Extra Strong." Sold in tins, at 75 cents each.

THE BRANDRETH CO., 274 Canal St., N. Y.

**NOTICE**

**Special Town Meeting.**

The inhabitants of the Town of Norwalk are hereby notified and warned that a special town meeting will be held in the Town House in said Norwalk, on Monday the 23d day of March, 1896, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the following purposes, to-wit:

To repeat so much of the vote of said town passed at its annual business meeting held on the 20th day of January, 1896, authorizing and directing the Selectmen to cause to be improved a certain highway according to the provisions of Chapter CXXXV of the Public Acts of this State of the year 1885, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Improvement of Public Roads," as reads as follows, viz:—"That certain highway known as the Connecticut Turnpike beginning at the city line of the City of South Norwalk about 140 feet West of Taylor Avenue and extending Easterly as far as can be done with the sum of money appropriated therefor," and in the place and stead thereof to designate and direct some other highway or section of highway to be improved according to the provisions of said vote and public Act.

Dated at Norwalk, this 17th day of March, 1896.

ISAAC SELLECK, } Selectmen  
EPHRAIM THOMAS, } Town of  
FRANK H. MERRILL, } Norwalk.

**Tax Collector's Sale.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned, Collector of Taxes, under and by virtue of a certain tax warrant, duly executed and signed by proper authority and directed to the undersigned, commanding him to levy and collect of

DANIEL STARR, Trustee of Estate of JOHN WESLEY BOUTON.

and other persons named in the rate book, on the list to said warrant annexed, their several proportions of the sum total as therein stated, said sum being a tax or assessment laid upon the assessment list made in 1894 by the inhabitants of the town of Norwalk, regularly and legally assembled, to wit, on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1893, met for the purpose of providing for the indebtedness of said town, levies upon the following described real estate of said Daniel Starr, Trustee, situated in town of Norwalk, at Cranbury Plains, so called, in quantity one and one-half acres, more or less, with buildings thereon, and bounded easterly by land now or formerly of the heirs of Charles Olmstead, deceased; southerly by land of Frederick Bouton and Westerly by the Newtown Turnpike.

And I shall sell at Public Auction, on the premises herebefore described, on the 19th day of May, A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock, forenoon, so much thereof as will raise the sum of two dollars, that being the proportion of said Daniel Starr, Trustee, of the sum total in said list, together with the charges of levy, sale, etc.

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# A POINTER

Is your plate glass or safe insured? If not, call on me and I will write you a policy in the Mutual Plate Glass and Safe Insurance Company. Glass will break and burglars use dynamite.

# In Case of Fire

You should be insured. A policy in the Reliance of Philadelphia; Phoenix of Hartford; Scotland Union of Scotland; New Hampshire of Manchester; Rochester German of Rochester; United States and Pacific of New York; Security of New Hampshire or Granite State of Portsmouth will protect you against

LORILLARD'S ROSE LEAF CUT PLUG. If one knew the price before trying it, he'd be surprised to find it so good. If one learned the price after smoking it, he'd be astonished to find it so cheap. Big Value and Little Money never got closer than in this tobacco.

Hamilton Fish a Delegate. CAMEL, N. Y., March 16.—The Putnam county delegates to the Republican state convention are Hamilton Fish, Edward C. Weeks and Daniel Kent.

RELIGION AND REFORM. The City Mission of Philadelphia recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of its establishment. In this period there have been expended in practical charity \$494,318.

1 1/2 OF THESE full of that purest, strongest, and most potent of leavening compounds BOSS... Baking Powder will give you perfect results when added TO 1 OF THESE.

Fairfield County National Bank. 44 Wall Street, Norwalk, Conn. INCORPORATED, 1884. Capital, \$300,000.

DAILY GAZETTE Classified Business Directory. Cards under this head \$2.50 per line per year.

Closing Out Sale Of Fancy China Plates, Cups and Saucers and glassware. You Can Get Some Big Bargains in the Above Goods as We are Not Going to Carry Them in the Future.

Notes of the Times. The corner stone for the new dormitories at the University of Pennsylvania has just been laid.

Notes of the Times. The United Hebrew Charities society of New York gave work to 33,000 persons during the past year.

Notes of the Times. There are colored twins in Putnam county, Conn., but four years old, with red hair. Bailey, the circus man, has sought in vain to get them.

Notes of the Times. The headlights from the locomotive engines on Maine railroads attract the deer from the forests, and numbers of the animals are being killed by the engines.

Notes of the Times. A double-tailed shark recently drifted ashore at Midian, British Columbia. It had also three perfect eyes and a flipper attached to the lower jaw.

Notes of the Times. Brazil grows about half the coffee crop of the world. In 1885 the world's coffee crop amounted to 718,000 tons.

EVEN SILK IS ADULTERATED. Tannate of Tin and Silica to Give It Weight. Some improvements in the treatment of silks are announced. Ordinarily silk is "weighted" by depositing tannate of tin on the fiber; the material receives a bath of tannic acid and then another of perchloride of tin, a repetition of this being made until an increase of the weight amounts to from 15 to 20 per cent.

SAVED BY A WORD. Knowledge of a Musical Term Proved Useful to an American Abroad. There are more advantages in a musical education than most of us think, remarks the Washington Post.

Notes of the Times. The marine store business is a risk which most companies prefer to avoid. A dealer may have stuff on his premises, consisting of rags, old dresses, and the like, which is probably worth several thousands, yet the insurance companies will refuse to insure the stock at any price.

Notes of the Times. Lumber yards and sawmills are not regarded by insurance companies with a very favorable eye. The stock of a lumber yard was once insured at a moderate premium, but when a small sawmill was built on one portion of the premises, up went insurance company rates.

Notes of the Times. A Mexican was condemned to death for stealing a can of kerosene, remarks the Buffalo Express. He was taken out by a party of soldiers, received a volley of bullets at close range, and was left for dead.

Notes of the Times. At Melbourne the cabmen have been almost ruined by omnibuses and street cars, and are glad to accept three-penny fares.

Notes of the Times. A strange society was brought to light during the hearing of a case before the Thames magistrate. Several men were charged with stealing a watch from a sailor, and were all discharged except Alexander Fullerton, on whom was found a savings bank book for \$245 and a card of membership of a society with a curious title.

Notes of the Times. There are no undertakers in Japan. When a person dies his nearest relatives put him into a coffin and bury him. The mourning does not begin until after burial.

Convention on June 10. The Executive Committee of the Democratic State Central committee at New Haven on Saturday, decided that the date on which the State Convention is to be held would be June 10. The whole State Central Committee will decide in what city it will take place.

Sued for Libel. A. K. Kennedy, publisher of the Derby Transcript, was sued for criminal libel on Saturday. The action was brought by Charles D. Warren, President of the Law and Order League, and is based on an anonymous communication printed in the Transcript wherein the with attacks Mr. Warner's financial standing and personal honesty.

Shot His Employer's Daughter. Miss Lillian Mead, daughter of P. W. Mead, who lives on the outskirts of New Canaan, is suffering from a pistol-bullet lodged in her left foot. The hired man Andrew Quinlan, took a 32-calibre revolver from the mantle. He did not know it was loaded. While he was extracting what he thought was a blank cartridge, the weapon went off, with the result indicated.

Wreck at Southport. The steamer Richard Peck, of the New Haven line, reports that a mast, which appears to be attached to a wreck, projects about eight feet above the water off Southport, and is directly in the path of Sound steamers.

Wreck at Southport. Dr. Hand's Remedies for Children. New Haven, Conn., 71 William St.—"I first knew of Dr. Hand's Remedies for Children five years ago, and I am continually recommending other mothers to use them, and always with the best results. My baby was deathly sick with cholera infantum, and Dr. Hand's Diarrhoea Mixture cured it almost immediately. Dr. Hand's Colic Cure is also excellent.—Mrs. N. A. Daniels." Dr. Hand's Colic Cure and Dr. Hand's Diarrhoea Mixture are sold by H. R. Hale, 25c.

Mortality Record. There were 39 deaths in Norwalk last month, representing a death rate of 23.6. Fifteen of the number were of children under five years of age. The causes of death were measles; 2; diphtheria; 4; malarial fever; 1; puerperal fever; 1; diarrhoea; 1; consumption; 3; pneumonia; 8; bronchitis; 1; nervous diseases; 3; heart disease; 4; accidental; 1; other diseases; 10.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day. "Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits, 75 cents. Sold by W. A. Vogel and Edward P. Weed, Druggists, Norwalk, Jan-4-1y

Mrs. Parsons of New Haven is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Talcott. Gucklin's Arnica Salve. The Best Salve in the world for Ointments, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no Pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For Sale by E. P. Weed, Norwalk and Monroe, New Canaan.

Miss Marian Short who recited at the King's Daughters entertainment last Friday evening was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Noble over Sunday. La Grippe Promptly Cured. S. T. Wiley, a well known school teacher at Gibbon Glade, Fayette Co., Pa., says: "I am very much pleased to testify to the efficacy of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, one bottle of which I purchased of James O'Neil, of this place. It gave me prompt and permanent relief from a severe attack of the grip. Since then, I have used it whenever attacked by any throat trouble, and it has always effected a prompt cure." For sale by E. P. Weed, Druggist.

AN ODD BICYCLE CRUSADE. Is It Cruel for Fathers to Carry Babies on Their Bikes? A new and odd crusade against one phase of bicycling has been instituted in San Francisco and the neighboring city of Oakland. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in each city is greatly worked up over the alleged atrocious cruelty practiced on helpless children by cycling fathers who strap the poor things in a seat fixed to the handle bar of the bicycle, and thus expose them to danger of pneumonia, and also of death, either from accident or pure fright. The societies are in earnest in the matter, and if they cannot find, as they believe they can, something in their charter that gives them the right to prohibit the "barbarous practice," as they call it, they will appeal to the city councils to pass a special ordinance to meet the case.

President Sontag, of the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, has been watching the married wheeling enthusiasts in Golden Gate park, and Mrs. S. C. Sanford, of the Oakland society, has been doing the same nerve-straining work in her city. Mr. Sontag says he is in favor of bicycling as a sport for grown people, but he thinks if the helpless infants could have a say in the matter they would loudly protest against being made involuntary riders. He speaks feelingly, even harrowingly, of seeing heartless fathers scorching along with hot but 18 months old strapped to the handle bar of the bicycle, the children usually numb with cold, and only kept awake or alert by the constant fright, inspired by the apparently imminent danger of collision always ahead of them. He thinks that pushing a child at a 15-mile-an-hour pace against wind and fog is barbarous, and that exposing a child to the danger always attendant on bicycling among horses and vehicles in a crowded roadway is little short of criminal.

Mr. Sontag does not charge that wheelmen are really heartless, but that they are thoughtless—nay, that they are cranks. He thinks they are so carried away with enthusiasm that they believe the child enjoys bicycling as much as they do. For the matter of that, he does not adduce the proof that the children don't. But it is the business of his society to act as brains for helpless children's heads as well as a guide for their feet, and he is earnest in his crusade. He does not know of any accident ever having happened to a baby thus carried on a bicycle, but he tells with bated breath of what might happen.

One of the laws of the state under which the society operates is that it is a misdemeanor to place a child in any position dangerous to life or limb, and President Sontag thinks it covers the case. He proposes to issue a notice warning wheelmen of this fact. The Oakland society will do the same. If this fails of the desired effect the city councils will be asked to pass an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to carry a child on a bicycle.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

ABOUT ARIZONA. Some Information as to Its Area and Resources. Arizona is the sixth largest political division in the United States, embracing an area of 113,000 square miles, of 72,320,000 acres. Its resources are unlimited, and its mountains are the depositories of gold, silver, copper, lead, onyx, marble and precious stones. It contains nearly 40,000,000 acres of grazing land, much of which is a perpetual pasture unknown to frost or snow, on which are maintained vast herds of stock. Its valleys comprise an area of more than 10,000,000 acres of land, which, when brought under cultivation, gives marvelous returns in grain, fruit and other products of the soil, there being in the southern part 11 months of growth, and in some sections a perpetual season of seed time and harvest, yielding annually the maximum of the soil's productive power. It contains the largest unbroken forest area in the United States, there being from 800,000,000,000 to 1,000,000,000,000 feet of standing saw lumber. The climate is pure and dry, and is marvelous for its health preserving and restorative conditions, being free from every character of epidemic and contagious diseases. Animal, like vegetable life, is highly favored, and as a result remarkably fine stock, especially horses, are produced in this region, which is fair to challenge the world's record for speed and endurance. With these climatic and other rare physical conditions, with such a vast storehouse of wealth of royal and other metals, forest areas, grazing, and agricultural resources, it should not be a matter of surprise that this region rightly claims a history or a civilization which antedates the Christian era; yes, and probably the Egyptian and Assyrian dynasties, for truly this is a favored portion of the earth's surface. Here are found the silent marks of a prehistoric civilization, of myriads of people, the remains of cities, systems of irrigating canals and extensive areas of land formerly watered and cultivated from the same. Hence we have the pioneer civilization of the 19th century, reclaiming a region of a once powerful ancient civilization which centuries ago lapsed into mystery, darkness and doubt. Neither should it be a matter of surprise that this region was the home of an early civilization, for its climatic conditions are conducive to the most perfect vegetable and animal life and the longevity of man, as the centenarians among the natives of to-day are strikingly frequent.—From Gov. L. C. Hughes' annual report to the secretary of the interior, 1895.

How Many Stay? Of the many brands of soap placed upon the market during the past fifteen years, how many are now in existence?



has stood the test of time. It fulfills the exacting requirements of the New England housekeepers.

it's neglect of throat and bronchial troubles that leads to death-dealing disease. HALE'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR. No wonder Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar is praised by its users. Its curative effects are like magic. Sold by druggists. Pike's Toothache Drops cure in one minute.

USE BRUMMELL'S Celebrated COUGH DROPS. Best known remedy for Coughs, Colds and all throat troubles. FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

P.P.P. CURES ALL SKIN AND BLOOD DISEASES. P.P.P. CURES RHEUMATISM. P.P.P. CURES BLOOD POISON. P.P.P. CURES SCROFULA. P.P.P. CURES MALARIA. P.P.P. CURES DYSPEPSIA.

GREAT SALE OF MILLINERY AT FAWCETT'S Headquarters for Millinery. Commencing Saturday the 16th, and continuing Monday and Tuesday, when we shall sell fine French Felt Hats, all styles and colors, including a full line of Black, bought specially for this sale. We shall also make a reduction in all our Trimmed Hats, and will offer one hundred Hats and Bonnets from \$1.50 up. The Season has been backward, that is the reason for the extraordinary bargains we shall offer the coming week. FAWCETT'S 3 WATER STREET NORWALK. Advertise in the GAZETTE.

**NO WORKHOUSES.**

**The Poor Children of Australia Cared For by the State.**

**A System of Providing for the Waifs Which Has Become Popular and Successful—Trained for Useful Lives.**

The British poor law system being unknown in Australia, where there are no work houses, it follows that there are no poor rates, such not being needed, for although it may happen that from time to time the assistance of the state is claimed by, and granted to, able-bodied men who are unable to find employment, that assistance takes the form of wages paid for work specially provided by the state to meet a condition of the labor market which is certainly abnormal. The chief efforts of the authorities, as regard charity, are directed toward the rescue of the young from criminal companionship and temptation to crime, the support of the aged and infirm, the care of the imbecile or insane, and the subsidizing of private charity for the cure of the sick and injured, and the amelioration of want. Even where the government grants aid for philanthropic purposes, the management of the institutions supervising the expenditure is in private hands; and, in addition to state-aided institutions, there are numerous private charities, whose efforts for the relief of those whom penury, sickness or misfortune has afflicted are beyond all praise. The rescue of the young from crime is attempted in two ways—first, by means of orphanages, industrial schools and reformatories, which take care of children who have been abandoned by their natural guardians, or who are likely, from the poverty or incapacity of their parents, to be so neglected as to render them liable to lapse into crime; and secondly, by sequestering children who have already committed crime, or whose parents or guardians find themselves unable to control them. The problem of dealing with destitute children and those liable from their environment to become criminal is naturally surrounded with very great difficulty, and in New South Wales its solution was attempted many years ago by the establishment of the orphanages at Parramatta, and the destitute children's asylum at Randwick, as well as the Vernon training ship for boys, and the Biloela reformatory and industrial school for girls.

The system of crowding children in large establishments was rightly considered as open to many grave objections, and in 1880 a scheme of separate treatment was inaugurated, an act being passed by the New South Wales legislature empowering the formation of a state children's relief board, to whose charge the destitute or neglected children of the colony were entrusted. The board was empowered to take children from the various institutions and deal with them in certain specified ways. Starting with the charge of 59 children in 1881, the number has annually increased until the beginning of the present year, when it was 3,174, 1,822 being boys and the remainder girls. The greater portion of the children are boarded out in private families, a few are adopted, and, where they are of infantile age or possess delicate constitutions, they are placed in charge of properly selected nurses. At the commencement of 1895, there were 1,239 homes with one boarded-out child each, 398 homes with two children each, 197 with three children, 88 with four children and three with five children. Where possible, families of children are kept in the same home; thus there are 282 families with separate guardians, the idea being to preserve intact the ties of family. The children are boarded out all over the colony, and are under the supervision of local women visitors, who give their services gratuitously.

A marked illustration of the popularity and success of the boarding-out system is to be found in the very large increase which takes place every year in the number of persons who desire to obtain the control of state children, and the illustration is the more gratifying when it is remembered that the applications are unsolicited in any way, and come from all parts of the country. Many of the boys are taken by farmers, but almost every leading industry and profession in the colony is represented in the list of guardians. The average cost of each child to the state is £13 18s 2d per annum. As the children grow up they are apprenticed to useful trades, the money paid for their services being placed to their individual credit in the government savings bank. Under the firm and energetic administration of the board the system has been a success from the very first, and is doing much to prevent the introduction of the hereditary pauper element among the New South Wales population. Where practicable, the parents are compelled to contribute to the support of their offspring, and it is encouraging to note that, while instances of misconduct on the part of guardians or wrongful conduct on the part of the children are comparatively few, the number of boys and girls who are rapidly becoming good and useful members of society is large, and steadily on the increase.—Australian Letter.

**Hard of Hearing.**

A prince went to inspect a rare collection of books in a little town. The mayor accompanied him. To his great amazement he discovered that all the books were placed on the shelves the wrong way about.

"What made you arrange them in that fashion?"

"I could not permit the volumes to turn their backs on your highness."—La Tribuna.

—Cloves are gathered in the month of December and must be dried quickly in order to retain the aromatic qualities of the spice.

**THE TROUBLE AT ST. GRACE'S.**

**A True Account of the Cause of the Disturbance of the "Quire."**

The trouble in St. Grace's choir was not due to the soprano or the alto, but to a man. St. Grace's was a country church, and so high that the congregation preferred to consider their singers as composing a "quire," rather than a "choir;" and every churchman—no, every churchwoman—knows that from "quire" to "Rome" is but a step, and feels a delicious thrill at the idea of danger. The quire at St. Grace's, before the trouble began, was composed of men and boys, and was vested; and it sang very well.

It sang very well except for one man. He was a tall man, with a clean-shaven, lantern-jawed face, known to the quire boys as "Ham-and-Eggs." Why he received this title, no one knew; but he had it, and as no one ever called him by it to his face, it served quite well as a name for him. Ham-and-Eggs was rated as a basso, and sometimes he sang as a basso. But quite often, in the middle of a hymn or a chant, it would occur to him to sing falsetto, and he would sing falsetto. Once, even, in the middle of a solo, the spirit moved him to sing falsetto—"and he done so."

Now that sort of thing would raise hob, even in an evangelical choir; in a high church vested quire it raised much more than hob. The rector himself tried to persuade Ham-and-Eggs to settle on one voice or another; but without avail. Then he tried diplomacy and compromise.

"We've too many bassos now," he urged. "They overpower the rest of the quire. Now—what—do—you—say—to—singing—tenor? Hey?" and he looked inquiringly yet encouragingly at Mr. and Mrs. Ham-and-Eggs.

Mr. H-and-E. spoke first, in his deepest bass.

"I will sing only with the voice God gave me," was what he said; and his stout better half remarked angrily:

"The mere suggestion is an insult."

Now Ham-and-Eggs had three sons, known as "Bacon-and-Eggses" (Bacon isn't so big as Ham), and to avenge the insult he and they absented themselves from the final rehearsal of the Easter carols. The poor parson was in a pheeze. Were they coming on Easter to sing or were they not? He could learn nothing from the Skillet, as the boys had named Ham-and-Eggs' house, because the family was out. So he decided on a bold plan; he would ask some ladies to sing the soprano parts, and let the bass get along without Ham-and-Eggs.

"We'll put a screen in the chancel," he explained, "and the three Miss Blossoms can sit behind it."

The three Miss Blossoms were willing, and at midnight the parson gave them their parts of the carols and chants, and they sat up the rest of the night learning them. On Easter Sunday the quire was very weak; most of the boys had gone home for the vacation. But Ham and Bacon-and-Eggs were there, after all. The three Miss Blossoms were smuggled into the chancel and tucked away behind the screen without any of the quire knowing; and everything was prepared for the 11 o'clock service.

In time the processional began and the quire entered. The quire consisted of two bassos, Ham-and-Eggs one of them, one tenor, the three Bacon-and-Eggs, and no altos. But the three Miss Blossoms hadn't been warned not to sing until the male quire was seated; so at the first notes of the processional they began. The quire, prepared to sing, found some one out of sight singing away bravely, and was astonished and stopped—or most of it did; for Ham-and-Eggs kept on, first in bass, then in falsetto, trying to carry the song through.

After that, though, everything went smoothly; and having been warned by the rector during the service, the three Miss Blossoms did not sing all of the recessional, but executed a vocal tour de force by singing with less and less voice as the quire departed, and succeeded in producing an effect quite like the Turkish reveille, as one of them explained later to the rector, Mr. Partridge.

But the next day Ham-and-Eggs resigned.

"I don't mind what you said," he wrote. "I will sing only with the voice God gave me, and that voice I will take care of. There was too much echo yesterday in church; it injured my voice appreciably. So I beg to resign."

The Bacon-and-Eggses went with their father, and so St. Grace's quire came to grief.—N. Y. Sun.

**A Royal Picture.**

Years ago, when staying in Berlin, I was conducted over the private rooms of the royal family in the Berlin schloss. The old emperor's rooms were strewn with bibelots so numerous and so charming that a young princess might have envied them. On his birthday gifts of every sort, with bunches of his favorite cornflower, were sent to him from all parts of the kingdom. Blue was the predominant color of the decorations, and lapis-lazuli vases and ornaments were there in dozens. What struck me most of all his possessions was a picture painted in water colors by Empress Frederick, then crown princess. It consisted of a large bunch of gay flowers, and in the center of each flower peeped forth the head of one of the emperor's little grandchildren. In a withered violet was the baby face of Prince Sigismund, who, it will be remembered, died when he was but two years old. Old Gen. Field Marshal Wrangel was godfather to the tiny child, and gave him, I remember, a soldier's cap to wear. After his death the crown princess returned it to the general, and sewn inside was one of her darling's fair flaxen curls.—The Woman at Home.

—Eddie—"I ain't afraid; I kicked old Barker's bulldog yestiddy." Neddy—"Humph! I've been in a graveyard after dark." Teddy—"That's nothin'; I play on the trolley tracks every day."

**TALKING UNITED STATES.**

**A Small Boy Enlightens His Teacher on the Real Vernacular.**

In a four-roomed house in a short thoroughfare in the most populous part of the west side live "Jamesy" and his family. His family consists of a father and mother, and a younger brother and a younger sister. Although "Jamesy," as the eldest child, is perhaps the most important member of the family, he is less than seven years old, and not very large for his age. The greater portion of his brief life has been spent on the sidewalk, where he learned to fight his own battles and take a few hard knocks without grieving. His father and mother are hard-working people, but they have been so busy for two or three years getting soup bones and firewood to throw at the wolf that "Jamesy's" education has been neglected. The boy learned many things, but he didn't get them out of a primer. For two months he had been "hustlin'" papers, until a truant inspector found him one day and took him home. "Jamesy's" mother was told that the boy belonged in school, and that he must be started in at once. She was a well-meaning woman and agreed that "Jamesy's" education should begin the next morning.

The boy went to the schoolhouse half determined to "duck" at recess, but the teacher treated him so kindly and there was so much of a novelty in the show that he decided to remain. He soon began to feel at home, and he scraped up a whispering acquaintance with a small Jew boy at his right. The teacher interested him greatly. He watched her draw a picture of a cube, and then heard her read off a row of figures from the blackboard, and he concluded that she was the smartest person in the world, except the man at the one cent show who made a beautiful colored landscape while the orchestra played one tune.

Toward the close of the morning session the teacher said:

"Now, children, I am going to read to you a little piece out of this book, and I want you to listen very closely, so that you can repeat it to me when I have finished."

This aroused Jimmie. If there was anything he delighted in it was repeating, with sundry emphatic gestures, to his younger brother at home accounts of the daring exploits of Tom Dalton and Jesse James as he heard them from the lips of older boys. He was certainly interested, and if school was like this he made up his mind to put up with several disagreeable features and return the next forenoon. He straightened himself in his seat at the request to "sit erect," prepared to absorb every word of the expected story.

The teacher said: "Now, I will read this from this little book, and any of you who wish to can repeat it to the class in your own words. Don't try to say it as I read it, but just as you would say it." Jimmie's eyes grew big, and he was all attention. The teacher read this short lesson from the first reader:

"See the cow! Is it not a pretty cow? Can the cow run? Yes, the cow can run. Can the cow run as fast as the horse? No, the cow cannot run as fast as the horse."

"Criminy!" thought Jimmie, "is 'at all? 'At's dead easy." His hand was up in a twinkling, in imitation of several others. His interested face caught the teacher's eye, and she said: "Well, James, you may try it, but be careful to get it right. You may stand up by your seat."

"Jamesy" arose. Ordinarily he was not bashful, but now his face was flushed, and he was trembling with importance, as he said:

"Get onto de cow. Ain't she a beaut? C'n she git a move on? Sure. C'n she hump herself as fast as de horse? Naw, she ain't in it wid de horse, see!"

The teacher was overcome, but, nevertheless, "Jamesy" was a favorite from that moment.—Chicago Record.

**DON'T READ THE NEWSPAPERS.**

**Men Who Don't Care for Things of Contemporaneous Interest.**

It may seem strange, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that you occasionally find a man who, by his own admission, never reads the newspapers—not because he doesn't know how, nor of dimness of eyesight, but for the simple reason that he has no desire to. If an observing student of human nature will study the mental qualities of such men he will find few exceptions find them to be narrow-minded in the extreme. The horizon of their ideas is often circumscribed by their own doorway, and seldom extends beyond the limits of the immediate community in which they live. Ask such a man what the distance is from Harvard to Chicago, or what state borders Illinois on the south, questions that the average schoolboy can answer, and the prospects are he has forgotten, if he ever did know. Why, I have in mind a person in Harvard who thinks himself a mighty heavy weight (I mean intellectually) who was heard to ask the question a few years ago, upon hearing a commercial salesman recount some of the daring deeds of the great confederate leader, Gen. Lee, in the war, "if the critter was still living." This is no fairy tale, but an absolute fact. The idea I wish to convey in the strongest possible language in this connection is that to deprive an enlightened man of his newspaper, whether it be the most obscure weekly in the state or the ablest metropolitan daily in the land, is to take away his mental food and he is in torment until it is restored to him. If "ignorance is bliss," the man who never reads may be as happy as the one who does, but the latter will find no pleasure in the former's society, for the reason that he finds it difficult to confine his ideas within the narrow scope of the man who never reads a newspaper.—Harvard Herald.

—Mace is the covering of the nutmeg seed. After the fruit has been removed the mace dries around the seed and is subsequently taken off.

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**Statement for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1895.**

Assets,	\$221,213,721 33
Liabilities	194,347,157 58
Surplus	\$26,866,563 75
Total Income	\$48,597,430 51
Total Paid Policy holders in 1895,	\$23,126,728 45
Insurance and Annuities in force,	\$899,074,453 78
Net gain in 1895	\$61,647,645 36

NOTE—Insurance merely written, is discarded from this Statement as wholly misleading, and only insurance actually issued and paid for in cash is included.

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct. **CHARLES A. PRELLER, Auditor.**

From the Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual.

**Report of the Examining Committee.**

Office of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York,

February 11, 1896.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of this Company, held on the 18th day of December last, the undersigned were appointed a Committee to examine the annual Statement for the year ending December 31st, 1895, and to verify the same by comparison with the assets of the Company.

The Committee have carefully performed the duty assigned to them, and hereby certify that the Statement is in all particulars correct and that the assets specified therein are in possession of the Company.

In making this certificate the Committee bear testimony to the high character of the investments of the Company and express their approval of the system, order and accuracy with which the accounts and vouchers have been kept, and the business in general transacted.

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WILL MCKINLEY WIN?

An Article in a New York Paper Excites Much Discussion.

CHOICES SHOWN BY STATES.

It is Alleged That West and South Are Almost Solid For the Obnoxious Adherents of Other Candidates.

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Among politicians today, outside of McKinley's supporters, the article was panned. The McKinley men declare that their favorite's strength is really underestimated rather than the reverse.

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VIENNA, March 17.—A dispatch to the Neue Freie Presse from St. Petersburg says that the czar has conferred upon King Menelek of Abyssinia the Grand Cordon of St. George, the highest military decoration in the gift of the Russian emperor.

IT IS EXPECTED IN ST. PETERSBURG, THE DISPATCH SAYS, THAT KING MENELEK WILL ASK RUSSIA TO INTERVENE BETWEEN ABYSSINIA AND ITALY FOR THE CONCLUSION OF PEACE ON THE BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF ABYSSINIA AND THE RESTORATION OF THE OLD FRONTIERS OF ERITREA.

ROME, March 17.—A dispatch from Massaua, under yesterday's date, confirms the report that the Mahdist army is marching against Kassala.

THE ITALIANS ARE DETERMINED TO HOLD KASSALA, AND WITH THIS OBJECT HAVE FORWARDED STRONG REINFORCEMENTS, WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO REACH KASSALA TODAY.

THE ITALIE DENIES THE TRIBUNA'S STATEMENT THAT EMPEROR MENELEK'S PROPOSALS FOR PEACE INCLUDED DEMANDS THAT KING HUMBERT SHOULD SEND HIM AN AUTOGRAPH REQUEST FOR PEACE, THAT ADIGRAT BE IMMEDIATELY EVACUATED, THAT THE ITALIANS WITHDRAW TO THE FRONTIERS FIXED BY THE TREATY OF UCIALI AND AGREE TO ERCT NO NEW FORTRESSES, AND THAT ITALY SHOULD NOT ACCEPT OFFERS OF ALLIANCE OUTSIDE OF THE COLONY OF ERITREA.

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CALIFORNIA FARMS.

The Great Ranches to Be Cut Up for Small Farmers.

A Large Syndicate Has Been Formed to Control the Land Holdings—Some Particulars of the Mammoth Deal.

A syndicate has been formed to purchase and place on the market over a dozen of the largest and most valuable ranches in northern California.

ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT COMPLETED AS TO THE CONE PROPERTY. It is not definitely known whether the original offer of the Cone estate of 3,000 acres will be supplemented with an additional 10,000 acres.

MR. CHAMBERS, WHO HAS PLACED 20,000 ACRES IN THE SYNDICATE, IS A PROMINENT CAPITALIST OF ST. LOUIS.

TO EXPEDITE THE WORK OF DIVIDING THE BIG HOLDINGS INTO SMALL IMPROVED RANCHES, AND THUS ATTRACT SETTLERS TO CALIFORNIA, A CORPORATION WILL BE FORMED, TO WHICH ALL THE LANDS ENUMERATED WILL BE DEEDED EVENTUALLY.

THE METHODIST CONFERENCE. BRIDGEPORT, N. J., March 17.—The New Jersey Methodist Episcopal conference today voted in favor of the admission of women as lay delegates to the general conference.

FOUND DEAD IN THE BATH. TOLEDO, March 17.—Dr. Charles Massbacher, a prominent young physician, was found dead in his bathroom with a bullet in his head.

THE PEARL BRYAN CASE. CINCINNATI, March 17.—The circuit court today remanded Jackson and Walling to the sheriff of Campbell county, Ky.

DEATH OF ELLEN TERRY'S SISTER. LONDON, March 17.—The death of Mrs. Morris, sister of Ellen Terry, the well known actress, is announced.

CHINA LOATH TO PART. BERLIN, March 17.—It is announced that China will refuse to cede Lappa or Quemoy to Germany.

THE WEATHER. Rain or snow, followed by clearing and colder; northeasterly to northwesterly winds.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS OF THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Money on call at 3/4@4 per cent. Prime mercantile 5@6 per cent. Sterling exchange barely steady.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Atchinson, Bur. & Quincy, C. C. & St. L., Chesapeake & O., Chicago Gas, Cordage, Cotton Oil, Del. & Hudson, Distillers' Trust, Erie, General Electric, Hocking Valley, Lackawanna, Lake Shore, Lead, Louisville & Nash, Missouri Pacific, Northwestern.

GENERAL MARKETS. NEW YORK, March 16.—FLOUR—State and western dull, heavy, nominal and lower to sell.

WHEAT—No. 2 red unsettled; there was a heavy decline all the forenoon owing to liquidation, small visible supply decrease and favorable crop news.

CORN—No. 2 opened steady, but sold off with wheat; May, 39 3/4@40 1/4; July, 36 1/2@37 1/4.

OATS—No. 2 dull, but about steady; track, white, state, 20@21c; track, white, western, 20@21c.

PORK—Dull; mess, \$10@10.50; family, \$10.50@11.

LARD—Dull; prime western steam, \$5.55; nominal.

BUTTER—Steady; state dairy, 11@12c; western creamery, 12@12c.

CHEESE—Quiet; state, large, 6@10 1/2c; small, 6@10c.

EGGS—Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 11 1/2@12 1/4c; western, 10 1/2@11c.

SUGAR—Raw quiet; fair refining, 3 1/2c; centrifugal, 90 test, 4 1/2c; refined quiet; crushed, 5 1/2c; powdered, 5 1/2c.

TURPENTINE—Quiet; 20@23 1/2c.

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52 Inch Matelaise, in Navy, Black and Green; the best goods on the market; N. Y. price \$1 50, our price, \$1.25.
52 Inch Mohair Diagonals, N. Y. price, \$1 00, our price, 75c.
36 Inch Crepons, N. Y. price, 69c, our price, 50c.
43 Inch Black Henrietta; the finest; N. Y. price, \$1 00, our price, 75c.
36 Inch all wool Serge, N. Y. price, 34c, our price, 25c.

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Gen. Cassius M. Clay has concluded to send his wife to school instead of having a governess for her.

William Beckett has been appointed coachman to President Cleveland. He is a middle-aged colored man and has lived in Washington all his life.

Rev. Joseph Northup, of North Scituate, Mass., who was reported as gored to death by a bull, had the pleasure of having three minister friends preach his funeral sermon after reading the account of his death in newspapers.

Police Judge Campbell, of San Francisco, joined the Salvation Army in that city. Mrs. Ballington Booth is preaching there, and at one of her meetings the judge stood up and asked to be prayed for, and afterwards joined the army. He does not expect to don uniform and become a regular warrior.

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