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SPECIAL MEETING.

The City Votes to Appropriate \$2,500 to the Highway and Finance Department.

But Little Opposition Manifested.

A special city meeting was held in the Town House yesterday afternoon. Officer Morehouse had kindled a fire in the stove that is supposed to furnish heat for this somewhat antiquated meeting room, but it was not started early enough in the season and the temperature of the room was anything but agreeable and the room itself was as uninviting as a coal car on the Consolidated railroad.

The call for the meeting was read by the city clerk and his certification that it had been duly advertised as provided for by law.

There were but two matters embodied in the call for the meeting and they were:

1. If deemed advisable, to appropriate from the treasury of said city the further sum of \$1,200.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of the payment of the expenses to be incurred in the Highway Department of said city.

2. If it is thought proper, to appropriate from the treasury of said city the further sum of \$1,500.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of the payment of the expenses to be incurred in the Administrative Department of said city.

Ex-mayor Keeler presented a resolution that called for the appropriation of \$1,200 for the highway department, which resolution was seconded by ex-mayor Hubbell.

Councilman Smith the chairman of the highway committee, stated that in making up the budget of expenses the same had been done somewhat hastily, and offered an amendment that the sum appropriated be \$1,000.

Selectman Sellick asked if the amount asked for was to be used in the Mill Hill improvements, and received a negative reply from Mr. Smith.

Mr. Sellick: "Has the Tramway company paid their share of the expense of the grading of Mill Hill?" The answer was in the affirmative. He also asked as to amount paid by the Street Railway company and was advised that the full amount due for benefits had not yet been liquidated, because not yet ascertained.

B. W. Maples remarked that it was nearly the middle of winter and asked how and for what purpose the \$1,000 asked for was needed and to be used.

Councilman Smith explained that \$200 of the amount asked for was to pay for stone that had been purchased for repairs on the streets and which had been purchased at a big saving to the city. He estimated that \$500 was called for as against any extraordinary work in clearing the streets of snows, etc. and that the street commissioners salary would necessitate another \$200, and with incidental expenses the amount would altogether be swollen to \$925.

The resolution as amended by Councilman Smith was unanimously passed. A resolution was then presented asking that the sum of \$1,500 be appropriated to the administrative department.

Again Mr. Maples came to the front with a leading question as to what this money was wanted for.

Councilman Boyer chairman of the finance committee, replied courteously and briefly in substance as follows: "On account of a few items not then apparent I was not able at the previous annual meeting in March to anticipate certain expenses, as for instance, a sewer suit which called for \$313.47; sanitary inspections, \$92; Counsel in suits against the city, \$373; Main street suit, \$250; health officer Tracy, \$384; and that while he had nearly if not quite enough to cancel those bills there was yet something like \$200 to be paid for salaries, to the tax collector \$400, and to the board of relief \$90 more."

Mr. Maples inquired if the amount asked for would include the payment of prospective charges against the city.

The matter was satisfactorily explained to the meeting by Mr. Boyer.

Charles Olmstead, for his own enlightenment, asked if estimates for the payment of the health officer was for bills due by the city, and was answered in the affirmative.

As the appropriation asked for was over \$1,000 the vote according to the charter was taken by ballot and the chair appointed Messrs. Samuel Lyness and Fred A. Hill as tellers.

The ballot resulted in a reported vote of 68, of which number 48 were in the affirmative and 20 negative.

Mr. Maples suggested that at the next annual city meeting the Council present an estimate of the several departments expenses in excess of what was actually needed and thus prevent any later calls either by the council or city meeting for additional appropriations.

TWO SLEIGHS UPSET.

A Runaway on West Avenue in Which a Small Child Was the Sufferer.

Both Turnovers on Wall Street.

Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. J. W. Studwell in company with Calvin P. Parley were driving up West avenue in a horse and sleigh. When near the St. Mary's church on West avenue the horse heard a team trotting behind and quicker than a wink he shot out at a rapid pace.

Mr. Parley who was driving seemed to have lost control of the lines and the horse to the best of his bent shot up the avenue and into Wall street at a pace that threatened to kill.

When near Glover's store the sleigh overturned throwing the occupants sprawling on the street. A Tramway car tumbled to stop the flight of the horse and he shot up on to the sidewalk near Gusowski's store, sped along the walk and out on to the street and to Knight street where he was stopped with a wrecked sleigh hanging at his heels.

As the horse dashed up on to the sidewalk, Mrs. A. B. Ezequille of Kellogg street accompanied by a grandchild, Howard Ezequille, was trying to avoid being struck by stepping out of the path of the runaway which she barely succeeded in doing.

The youngster was not so fortunate and was knocked down. He was quickly picked up and taken into Weed's drug store, where Dr. J. G. Gregory examined the nature of his injuries.

He found that the child had sustained a severe wound on his head and a few bruises of a minor nature about the body. The little fellow cried lustily but after a while was quieted and taken to his home.

Mr. Parley and Mrs. Studwell were also assisted into the drug store but neither apparently had sustained any serious injury.

Immediately after knocking the little Ezequille boy down, the runaway collided with Coroner Rouch and sent him sprawling on the street but without doing him any harm.

Another.

Shortly after and but a few paces from where Mrs. Studwell was thrown out, Miss Pearl Gregory, daughter of S. W. Gregory suffered a similar accident. Miss Gregory was seated in a sleigh and in attempting to turn around succeeded in overturning the same and precipitating herself into the street. She luckily held onto the lines and stopped the horse. No damage either to herself or the turnout.

CRUEL TREATMENT DENIED

County Commissioners Satisfied that Lillian Hubbell was Not Mised.

The County commissioners, after inquiry, are pretty well satisfied that Lillian Hubbell, the orphan who was bound out to a family named Boehn in Newtown, was not cruelly treated by them. She is now living at the home of a son of Mrs. E. L. Johnson, the County home visitor from that place.

Dr. Wordin, to whom the commissioners left the case, had a call from Mr. Johnson Saturday, and learned that the girl's health was better, although her sight had not improved.

He told Mr. Johnson to have her transferred to the Bridgeport hospital if it was deemed best. Commissioner Miller said yesterday that he could not learn that the Boehns had acted criminally cruelly toward her, and he doubted much if such was the case. He said the family were respectable.

Concord's Officers.

The following are the officers elect of Concord Division, S. of T.: Edwin Fox, W. P.; Cora Handlin, W. A.; Willis Nickerson, R. S.; Howard Worden, A. R. S.; William A. Kellogg, F. S.; William A. Fryer, Treas.; Samuel B. Coggeshall, Chap.; Charles Rowe, Con.; Ella Worden, A. R. S.; Asa Decker, L. S.; N. E. Peck, O. S.; Mand Rogers, L. W. P.; Lewis Hubbell, William I. Leland and James D. Worden, Trustees.

Pocket Book Lost.

A Norwalk lady lost her pocket book, containing quite a little sum of money and several checks payable to her name, the day before Christmas, somewhere between Wall street and Center avenue. The enclosures were in an alligator pocket book, and which it is to be hoped the finder will return. See the adv.

THE CENTRAL CLUB.

What Will Take Place the First Month of the Glad New Year.

Grand Reception to Head the List.

The January announcements of the Central club are as follows: Friday, January 1st Club Reception from 4:30 to 10:00 p. m. Each member is privileged to invite two guests. Music and Refreshments.

CLASSES.

Mondays at 10:45 a. m., French. Mondays at 3:00 p. m., French History under Miss A. D. Brookway.—January 4th, Class will meet to organize. All wishing to join will please be present, or send names to Secretary.

Thursdays, 7th and 14th, at 10:00 a. m., Class in Parliamentary Law, under Mrs. T. K. Noble.

Fridays at 10:00 a. m., German.

LECTURES AND LITERARY SYMPOSIUM.

Tuesday, January 5th, at 3:00 p. m., Miss Caroline M. Hovins, of Hartford, will speak on "Public Libraries."

Tuesday, the 12th at 3:00 p. m., Literary Symposium." Each of six Clubs will contribute one number to the programme of the afternoon.

Tuesday, 19th, at 3:00 p. m., Dr. F. S. Child, of Fairfield, will speak upon "Liberty Ten."

The New Year's reception is to give an opportunity to the many friends of the club and its members to congratulate the organization on this, its first New Year Day. The executive committee and the entertainment committee are to receive. The gentlemen of the Norwalk club are invited as a whole. Each member of the Central club has the privilege of inviting two outside guests, and many of the ladies intend to do this by sending their card with date and place, as in the old days of calling on the first day of the year.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVALS.

Children Made Happy and their Parents Entertained.

There was a pretty scene yesterday afternoon in the Norwalk Congregational chapel when nearly a hundred little children with bright eager faces were seated at long tables merrily chatting and laughing while they devoured the "good things" provided for them in such abundance. It was the Christmas festival for the little ones of the primary department of the Sunday school and they had spent a happy afternoon singing carols, giving recitations, enjoying games and listening to the words of their pastor.

After the supper each received gifts, and as they left the bright room their eyes lingered upon the beautiful Christmas trees the delight of every childish heart. In the evening the Chapel was again a scene of brightness as the main Sunday school gathered for its annual Christmas festival.

The program consisted of recitations, carols, piano solos and duets, vocal duets and a most interesting talk on the habits and customs of the Japanese by Rev. Federico Curtis. Supper was served and boxes of candy distributed and all voted it one of the most enjoyable of Christmas festivals.

The Sunday school of Grace church enjoyed a Christmas service last evening. The services at the church consisted of a Processional hymn; the Lord's Prayer and Versicles, and reciting of Psalms VIII. The Lesson from St. Mark X:13-28, followed by a carol, "Hark! a Burst Heavenly Music." The Creed, Versicles and Collects, carol, "Sweetly Carol," address by the Rector; carol, "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne," Benediction, and Recessional hymn. This was followed by a Christmas tree and entertainment at Lockwood's hall, which was greatly enjoyed by all. Gifts were distributed with a liberal hand and a more pleasant gathering of children could hardly be conceived of. Rev. and Mrs. Watkins were the recipients of a handsome silver candelabra for their Christmas.

At St. Paul's church yesterday afternoon the members of the Sunday school enjoyed their usual annual Christmas festival with carols and Xmas time exercises followed by the distribution of gifts. Fred Rogers mounted on a bicycle, impersonated Santa Claus, and was not at all selfish in the distribution of gifts. It was a Merry Christmas for all.

Window cards printed at the Gazette office.

THE LAST FOR 1896.

Reports Read and Bills Paid at the Final Meeting of City Council.

The Business Transacted Quickly.

An adjourned meeting of the city council was held last evening at the council rooms. Mayor Wheeler and the full board were present.

It was 8:15 o'clock when the Mayor, who was suffering from a severe cold, called the meeting to order in a husky tone of voice.

After the reading of the minutes of previous meetings by the clerk, Mr. John P. Trendwell a member of the board of water commissioners was recognized by the chair. Mr. Trendwell, briefly reported the doings of the water commissioners for the past year and the present condition of the system, which report was attentively listened to.

Among other things he said that it had been a satisfactory year so far as the water supply was concerned, and that at no time had the water at Grappe's reservoir been lowered more than three or four inches. He spoke of the improvements that had been done on Wilton avenue in the setting of a water pipe of sufficient capacity to supply all anticipated need in case of fire and the placing of a hydrant at the terminal of such pipe. He also called attention to the fact that a new drift wall would have to be built at the north end of the Grappe reservoir, by reason of the raising of the dam, that would cost from \$200 to \$300, the contract for the same to be given to the lowest bidder, and closed his remarks with the pleasing statement that the commissioners had a surplus of about \$1,000.

The commissioner's action in the matter of laying pipe and setting hydrant on Wilton avenue was approved by the council, and they were authorized to proceed with the drift wall matter in such manner as to them seemed advisable. The matter of the \$1,000 surplus was referred to the finance committee. They were also given authority to place a hydrant or a fire plug near the Lonsbury & Bissell manufactory, at an estimated cost of from \$50 to \$75.

Bills from the different departments were ordered paid as follows: Sewer, \$109.14; highway, \$271.53; fire, \$382.15; administrative, \$341.25. In this latter budget was included the munificent sum of \$25 each to the mayor and councilmen for their year's salary. The bill of the Fire Inspector was accompanied by any report and payment was deferred until such time as when the report was received.

The annual report of the Chief Engineer of the fire department was read by the city clerk, accepted, and ordered on file. The full text of the same is:

CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Mayor and Council of the City of Norwalk.

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit, for your consideration, the annual report of the Fire Department, for the year, ending December 31st, 1896, giving in detail the number of fires, the losses and the insurance thereon. We have been exceptionally fortunate this year, the department having been called out only nine times, two calls of which were false, leaving seven calls for fires, as follows:

February 15th—2 p. m., Box 15 was pulled but refused to work. Location, Mechanic street; house owned by D. W. Hich; occupied by English and Johnson; cause, spark from locomotive; hole burned in roof; damage slight.

February 25th—false alarm, caused by Superintendent Hoyt, testing Box; Box too quick for its master.

March 4th—false alarm, caused by Engineer Smith, attempting to cut in bell at residence.

April 5th—3:15 a. m.; Box 34; house foot of Chapel street, owned by Railroad company occupied by Mrs. O'Grady, cause, sparks from engine; damage \$75.00; fully insured.

May 11th—4 p. m., still alarm; Hill & Hubbell lumber yard; damage nominal; service of department not required.

June 15th—12:30 a. m.; Box 34; Harbor avenue; house owned by E. McSherry; cause, not definite; damage \$300.

August 13th—12:40 p. m.; Box 34; 140 West 13th—12:40 p. m.; damage in each instance; cause, not definite; fully insured.

October 31st—10:30 a. m.; Boxes 15, 27, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100; cause, not definite; damage \$100.00.

December 1st—8:15 a. m.; Box 32; location, corner of Broadway, owned by estate of S. C. Hoag; cause, sparks from John King's engine; matches and rails; loss \$10.

The total loss will not exceed \$1,150, which was fully insured—I may fully insured, for in each case the damage was made good by the insurance companies. This I believe to be the

smallest loss in any one year since I assumed charge of the department, something over 23 years ago.

While the fire was raging in Wilton avenue I called the attention of our Water Commissioners to the shortage of water (for some reason unexplained) and they promised to remedy the defect at once, which they have done very effectually, attaching a 6-inch pipe to the main on Cross street and running six 200 feet up Wilton avenue to a point west of the Electric Light Station and placing a large steamer hydrant thereon. This gives fine pressure to that point and an extra supply through the entire avenue.

The commanding officers of the different companies are the same as in my last report, viz:

- Phoenix—Captain A. A. Chinery.
- Pioneer—Captain J. B. Morris.
- Hope—Captain J. B. Costello.
- Police—Captain A. J. Meeker.

The inventory of city property in charge of the Fire Department, is the same as last year. We have added very little, if anything to the equipment, as our wants have been very limited.

The department is in good condition, considering how little actual work is done to keep the men in practice. They are very quick to respond to a call and very prompt to obey commanding officers.

We have been running the department with a very limited quantity of hose, and are compelled, at times, to use at a fire one entire complement. We have gotten along all right so far.

In other words, we have been lucky. I feel, that the time has arrived when we can't afford to take any more chances, as some of our best hose, begins to show weak points and after each fire we have been compelled to send one or more lengths to the repair shop. I trust you will see your way to order at least 500 feet at once, and 500 feet more during the next year.

Our truck is antiquated; we are way behind the age. It is time as to be better next year, and I firmly believe they will be, please think this matter over.

Thanking you for your courtesy and attention, I am,

Respectfully Yours,
J. T. PROWITT,
Chief Engineer.

After making out my report, I received word from Captain Costello of Hope Hose company that his company received a still alarm from Chief of Police Brader, Sunday morning at 9:45; fire in Baitonford building on Wall street, cause, sparks from stove pipe, pipe passing from fruit store to loft above before connecting with chimney, became separated; damage nominal.

J. T. PROWITT, Chief.

An interesting report from Health officer Tracey was read. He called attention to the low death rate for the past year which he attributed as being largely due to preventive measures taken by the board of health, in doing away with different grades of nuisances. He reported fourteen cases of diphtheria and two of typhoid as coming under his observation; he said that the inspection of milk had showed it to be in almost every case up to the standard. In the report he regretted the fact that in the proposed amendments to the city charter no provision had been made for a sanitary inspector, which to his mind ought not to have been neglected. He took occasion to thank all physicians for having been so fully in accord as to proper sanitation in the city.

Superintendent Hoyt of the Fire Alarm System, presented several suggestions that he thought if carried out would be greatly beneficial to the service. He reported twelve miles of wire as being in use on the system at present; he was strongly in favor of "cut-outs" being placed at certain points in the system and as a guard against danger of boxes being burned out. The report was referred to the chairman of the fire committee.

Mr. Hoyt also presented a proposition to the council in which he agreed to furnish batteries and necessary material for the conduct of the fire alarm system, and insure the city against damage by reason of the wires becoming crossed, etc., for \$150 a year.

A petition asking that the ordinance relative to the carrying of lanterns on bicycles be changed to read that violators of the same should be fined not more than \$7 instead of reading as now shall be fined \$5. This petition after considerable discussion was referred to Chairman Kent of the police committee and the corporation counsel.

Councilman Tristram reported on the agreement between the city and the Electric Light company for lighting the city streets. Report accepted.

Councilman Boyer was instructed to pay six months interest due on city notes.

In the matter of the signing and recording of the deeds of property to the city, at the foot of Mill Hill, the Mayor and the city counsellor were instructed to transact whatever business remained to be done in the premises.

Mayor Wheeler with his hoarseness very much in evidence briefly reported that the present condition of the city was excellent, and thanked the council for the manner in which it had conducted the business of the same, for the past year.

On motion of councilman Chinery the sum of \$25 was voted to each of the fire companies.

Mr. Chinery called attention to the

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DON'T MISS THEM.

The Latest Ads. Received Before Going to Press.

By the People and For the People.

DIED.

MEEKER—At New Canaan, December 27th, GEORGE R. MEEKER, in the 77th year of his age.

Funeral services at the residence of his son, GEORGE M. OLMFEST, New Canaan, on Wednesday, Dec. 30th, at 11 a. m. Interment at Norwalk.

LOST.

LOST.—On Thursday the 24th inst. between J. Jones & Hochstetler's store, and Center avenue, a hard-lead pocketbook, containing quite a sum of money. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning it to Miss Baird, No. 33 West avenue.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Benedict, Norwalk, neweddel er, is selling an excellent Fountain Pen and Holder for 50c. Call and see it.

TO RENT.

TO RENT—Five rooms on first floor, good location, \$10 per month for small family. Apply to S. B. WILSON, Builder, 42 Wall street, Norwalk.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

Central National Bank,

NORWALK, CT., Dec. 29, 1896.

The Directors of this bank have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent, payable January 2nd, 1897.

WM. A. CURTIS, Cashier.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

Fairfield County National Bank,

NORWALK, CT., Dec. 28, 1896.

The Board of Directors of this Bank have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent, payable on and after January 2nd, 1897.

L. C. GREEN, Cashier.

Hoyt's Theatre,

Tuesday Ev'ng., Dec. 29.

Everybody is going to see W. A. Brady's prodigious production.

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Hoyt's Theatre.

MATINEE AND NIGHT.

Friday—New Years Day—Jan. 1

The

TORNADO,

Lincoln J. Carter's Mammoth Scenic Production.

The Awful Tornado. The Great Ripping Scene. Six Turbines a Monster Sail. The Collision of Two Ocean Liners at Full Speed. The Mighty Open Sea Scene with Waves Rattling Mountain High. Dissecting Room of a Medical College. Chicago Harbor at Night. And many other scenic wonders.

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SPECIAL MATINEE PRICES, 10, 25c.

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Owing to many of the factories having been shut down, we have a large accumulation of first class coke.

We offer the same during the month of December at six cents per bushel at the works, or eight cents per bushel delivered within either city limits, in not less than twenty-five bushel lots. Extra for carrying in.

The Norwalk Gas Light Company.

Raymond & Son.

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Furniture Dealers and General Funeral Directors.

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Residence, Berkeley Place,

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OFFICE OPEN EVENINGS

A sister of Mrs. Samuel L. Talcott, of Union Park, has just arrived here on a visit after many years separation, from California.

One Way to be Happy.

Is to attend to the comfort of your family. Should any one of them catch a slight cold or cough, call on Edward P. Weed, Norwalk, or George C. Stillson, South Norwalk, sole agents, and get a trial bottle of Otto's Cure, the great German Remedy, free. We give it away to prove that we have a sure cure for coughs, colds, asthma, consumption, and all diseases of the throat and lungs. Large sizes 50c and 25c.

There will be a masquerade ball at St. John & Fiedler's hall Broad River, New Years night. The grand march takes place at 9 o'clock followed by a free supper later.

Mother, Have You a Baby?

If so, get from your druggist to day for 25c a bottle of Dr. Hand's Colic Cure. Every baby often has distressing colic. Dr. Hand's Colic Cure gives immediate relief by removing wind from the stomach and quieting the nerves, giving restful sleep. Mother, think of the worry and anxiety this saves you. If your baby is teething Dr. Hand's Teething Lotion for 25c soothes and relieves all pain. Sold by all druggists.

Mr. Frederick Stephen Comstock, a former Superintendent of the Norwalk Island Light, and now of New York City, was married on Wednesday last to Miss Emily Ada Elliott, of Edgartown, N. Y.

Mother's Find Nothing Equal to Dr. Hand's Colic Cure.

WATERBURY Conn., 4-2-96.—Hand Medicine Co.—Dear Sirs:—"I am using Dr. Hand's Cough and Croup Medicine and Colic Cure for my children and find nothing to equal them. They work like magic. I would not be without them in my house. The little ones love Dr. Hand's Colic Cure and cry for it; it relieves them almost instantly. Mrs. Frank Smith, 22 Wood St. At all druggists, 25c.

There were two real estate sales in Norwalk last week as against seven for the corresponding week last year. The mortgages amounted to \$14,000. For the like week last year they amounted to \$3,800.

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.

T. F. Anthony, Ex-Postmaster of Promise City, Iowa, says: "I bought one bottle of 'Mystic Cure' for Rheumatism, and two doses of it did me more good than any medicine I ever took." 75 cents. Sold by E. P. Weed, 38 Wall street, and N. C. Baur, 55 Wall street, Druggists, Norwalk.

The barn of Mallet Seelye of North Bridgeport was entered Saturday night by thieves, who took two sets of harness, two lap robes and two whips.

The annual reception given by the ladies of the Congregational church to Rev. Dr. Noble and wife will take place Thursday evening.

SAVE YOUR LIFE

By using "The New Great South American Kidney Cure." This new remedy is a great surprise on account of its exceeding promptness in relieving pain in the kidneys, bladder and back in male or female. It relieves retention of water, and pain in passing it almost immediately. Save yourselves by using this marvelous cure. Its use will prevent fatal consequences in almost all cases by its great alterative and healing powers. Sold by E. P. Weed, Druggist, Norwalk, Conn.

Miss Elizabeth Graham, of Memphis Tenn., and a student at Vassar, is visiting friends on Belden avenue.

How to Cure a Severe Cold.

A few weeks ago the editor was taken with a very severe cold that caused him to be in a most miserable condition. It was undoubtedly a bad case of la grippe and recognizing it as dangerous he took immediate steps to bring about a speedy cure. From the advertisement of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the many good recommendations included therein, we concluded to make a trial of the medicine. To say that it was satisfactory in its results, is putting it very mildly, indeed. It acted like magic and the result was a speedy and permanent cure.—The Banner of Liberty, Libertytown, Maryland. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by E. P. Weed, Druggist.

The Baptist Sunday school Christmas festivities will take place on Wednesday evening at 7:30. The Cantata "Santa Claus at Home, or a Christmas Excursion," will be sung. Gifts will be distributed and a genuine good time enjoyed.

S. B. WILSON, PRACTICAL CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER.



Estimates cheerfully given. I charge 1/2 a cent for my estimate. I am in any part of the country. STEAM MILL AND YARD, 67 1/2 BRUSH ST., 52 WALL ST. NORWALK, CONN. Plans and Specifications furnished.

MRS. BEECHER HURT.

Aged Wife of the Eminent Preacher Fell and Fractured Her Hip.

STAMFORD, Conn., Dec. 29.—Following closely upon the painful accident sustained by Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, when, on Nov. 29, while spending Thanksgiving season at the residence of her son-in-law Rev. Samuel Scoville of this city, she fell



MRS. HENRY WARD BEECHER.

to the floor and received a deep wound in the head, comes another and vastly more serious mishap, and one which will probably cripple the widow of the distinguished divine for life.

Mrs. Beecher has been improving since the November accident, but since that fall she has been a victim of periodical fits of dizziness.

Yesterday she fell again. The details did not become known until today.

It seems that Mrs. Beecher arose at 3 o'clock yesterday morning when she was attacked with dizziness and fell violently to the floor.

The fall was heard, and the members of the Scoville family rushed to her room. She was cared for, and a physician was summoned.

The latter discovered that the aged woman had broken her hip in such a manner that she will probably never walk again, and, if at all, the use of crutches will be necessary.

Owing to her advanced age, 84 years, Mrs. Beecher's condition is admittedly serious, although there is thought to be no immediate danger.

CHINESE JUSTICE.

Leaders of a Band of Counterfeiters Sentenced to Decapitation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—According to the latest advices from the orient, Li Ka Ching, the superintendent of the Canton police, on Nov. 23 seized a large number of counterfeit Chinese coins and materials for their manufacture. The chief coiners, Chang Tung, and his confederates, Chan Mui and Tzu Chang, and others were arrested. An imperial decree from Peking commands the immediate decapitation of the three above named offenders and enjoins the viceroy to deal with the others as he thinks necessary according to law as a warning in future to the people. The officials who effected the seizure were all promoted.

The Canton viceroy reported in another memorial the capture of the notorious pirate junks in the open sea near Tan Chow by the military officials. In effecting the capture one military official lost his life. A decree was issued on the 19th of November authorizing the execution of the captives and ordering the officials concerned in the capture to be promoted in rank, and that the matter of the military officer having lost his life be referred to the board concerned for rewards and honors.

Tariff Hearings Begun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The tariff hearings before the ways and means committee began in the room of the committee at the capitol today. There were several large delegations in attendance, and much interest was displayed. The morning was devoted to the chemical schedule and the afternoon to wines and liquors. Chairman Dingley made a preliminary statement as to the hearings, which will be held each day from 10 to 4, with a recess from 12:30 to 1:30.

Narrow Escape From Fire.

SARATOGA, Dec. 29.—Henry G. Steiglitz's restaurant and dwelling were burned today. The family was rescued by the firemen and police, but narrowly escaped incineration.

The Weather.

Partly cloudy; warmer; southerly winds.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Quotations of the New York Stock Exchange.

New York, Dec. 28.—Money on call nominally at 1/2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3/4 to 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange heavy, with actual business in bankers' bills at 44.87 @ 44.94 for demand and at 24.85 @ 24.94 for 60 days. Posted rates, \$1.38 @ \$1.35 and \$4.74 @ 4.88. Commercial bills, \$4.93. Silver certificates, 65 1/2 @ 65 1/2 c; no sales. Bar silver, 65 1/2 c. Mexican dollars, 50 1/2 c. Government bonds firm. State bonds dull. Railroad bonds firm.

Closing prices.

Achson.....	19 1/2	New England.....	110 1/2
Am. & Quincy.....	95 1/2	N. J. Central.....	50
Am. C. & St. L.....	2 1/2	North American.....	4 1/2
Chesapeake & O.....	1 1/2	Northern Pacific.....	13 1/2
Chicago Gas.....	7 1/2	Do. pref.....	3 1/4
Cordage.....	—	N. Y. Central.....	94
Cotton Oil.....	11	Omaha.....	47 1/2
Del. & Hudson.....	11 1/2	Ontario & West.....	14 1/2
Distilling Trust.....	—	Pacific Mail.....	23 1/2
Erie.....	11 1/4	Reading.....	29 1/2
General Electric.....	31 1/2	Rock Island.....	65 1/2
Hoeking Valley.....	17 1/2	Silver Bellion.....	65 1/2
Lackawanna.....	15 1/2	St. P.....	73 1/2
Lake Shore.....	15 1/2	Sugar Refinery.....	110 1/2
Lead.....	23	Texas Pacific.....	9
Louisville & Nash.....	47 1/2	Union Pacific.....	6 1/2
Missouri Pacific.....	19 1/2	Wabash pref.....	13 1/4
Northwestern.....	10 1/2	Western Union.....	92 1/2

General Markets.

New York, Dec. 28.—New York.—State and western dull, but steady; city mills patrons, \$4.00 @ 5.50; winter wheat, \$2.00 @ 2.10; city mills wheat, \$4.50 @ 5.00; winter wheat, \$1.80 @ 1.90.

WHEAT.—No. 2 red opened market, 80 @ 81 1/2; No. 2 soft, 75 @ 76 1/2; No. 3 soft, 73 @ 74 1/2; No. 4 soft, 71 @ 72 1/2; No. 5 soft, 69 @ 70 1/2.

CORN.—No. 2 quiet, but steady; May, 31 1/2 c; OATS.—No. 2 dull; black white, state, 2 1/2 c; black white, western, 2 1/4 c.

BARK.—Steady; mess, \$8.25 @ 8.75; family, \$10 @ 11.

LARD.—Dull; prime western steam, \$4.10 @ 4.15.

BUTTER.—Steady; state dairy, 19 @ 18c; state creamery, 19 @ 21c.

EGGS.—Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 21 @ 22c; western, 19 @ 20c.

SUGAR.—Raw quiet; fair refining, 2 1/2 @ 2 3/4 c; central, 2 1/4 @ 2 1/2 c; red, 2 3/4 @ 2 5/8 c; crushed, 10c; powdered, 9 1/2 c.

TURPENTINE.—Quiet at 25 1/2 @ 27 1/2 c. MOLASSES.—Dull; New Orleans, 23 @ 24 c. RICE.—Steady; domestic, 3 1/2 @ 4 1/2 c; Japan, 4 1/2 @ 5 1/2 c. TALLOW.—Dull; city, 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4 c; country, 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4 c.

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DR. ZERTUCHA AGAIN. He is Accused of Betraying the Three Friends Expedition.

SPANISH GUNBOAT READY.

Circumstances Tending to Show the Guilt of Maceo's Perfidious Friend—An American Sentenced to Imprisonment For Life.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Mail and Express has the following dispatch from its Havana correspondent, who sent it via Key West in order to avoid the press censor: It is now known through advices by the "underground" route from Pinar del Rio that Dr. Zertucha not only betrayed Maceo into the hands of the Spaniards and disclosed the location of the Cuban hospital, which sheltered Henry Delgado, The Mail and Express correspondent, but that he gave information of the fitting out of the Three Friends' expedition, which so narrowly escaped destruction by a Spanish gunboat at the mouth of the San Juan river.

Zertucha had the complete confidence of Maceo and was aware of the nature of all the correspondence that passed between the insurgent leader and the Junta here. When Maceo received word as to the landing point for the expedition, he confided the news to Dr. Zertucha and others of his staff. At the earliest opportunity the traitor communicated this information to the Spaniards, and the gunboat, and launch were secretly dispatched to the rendezvous to be in wait. There is no other possible way that the exact spot and time of landing could have been learned except through treachery in Maceo's camp. The statement that the San Juan river was a favorite place for filibustering expeditions to land their cargoes is without foundation. No expedition had ever been landed at this particular point before. The two Spanish vessels would not have been waiting there concealed if they had not known what was coming.

A Narrow Escape. It was the merest chance in the world that the Three Friends escaped. She came within a hairbreadth of being drawn into a trap, just as Maceo was, and by the same agency. The rage against Dr. Zertucha is growing constantly since it has been learned that he pointed out to the enemy the caves used as shelters for the wounded and was responsible for their capture. It was Zertucha who intercepted the mails and cut off the secret communications between the patriots and their friends in Havana for more than two weeks. This strange silence could not be accounted for at the time, but now that Zertucha is no longer in the insurgent camp communication has been resumed. It is understood that Maceo's lieutenant is still in concealment and is fully aware of the part in which he stands should he be discovered.

Life Imprisonment For an American. HAVANA, Dec. 29.—Julio Sanguily, the American citizen who was arrested in 1895, charged with conspiring against the government, who was sentenced by court martial to life imprisonment, appealed and obtained a civil trial, which has been going on for some time past, was formally sentenced today to imprisonment for life, to pay half the expenses of the trial and was subsequently declared insolvent.

Life Imprisonment For an American. The insurgent train near Esperanza, province of Santa Clara. Later they attacked the train, but were repulsed by its escort, leaving two men killed, an officer and a private on the field and carrying away one dead body and four wounded men. The report of the death of the titled insurgent General Juan Ruiz is confirmed. His remains were buried at Ruiz del Jobo. The military governor of Guanabacoa, near this city, has issued a decree prohibiting persons from leaving that town except by the highways of Regla, Luyanó, Cofral Falso and Cofimier. Bearers of provisions, etc., must declare before leaving town the quantity in their possession and its destination. This step was taken to prevent the smuggling of provisions to the insurgents.

A Slight Reversal Reported. During the night of Wednesday last, Dec. 28, a number of insurgents tried to cross the military line of Puerto Principe, which extends between Jucaro, on the south coast, to Moron, at the extremity of the railroad, in the north. The attempt was made between fort No. 53 and fort No. 57 of that line of defenses, but the rebels made a stubborn resistance and finally obliged the enemy to retreat. Subsequent reconnaissance upon the part of the garrisons resulted in finding a quantity of provisions, saddles and effects on the field, in addition to 30 hats, 10 of which were pierced by bullets and blood stained.

On Dec. 20, it was announced today, the insurgents dynamited a train on the railroad between Jucaro and Moron, blowing up the engine, destroying several empty cars and injuring two firemen and a boy. The convoy of General Roser, which left Manzanillo, province of Santiago de Cuba, on Dec. 18, was still detained at Vegueta on Dec. 24.

ARE THEY PIRATES?

Participants in the Three Friends Expedition Said to Be Arrested. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 29.—A special to The Citizen from Tampa says: The developments in Cuban circles today have been startling, and the actors in the recent sea tragedy, who were on board the Three Friends are badly frightened over the gravity of the situation in which they have been involved. They find themselves, instead of being in a dangerous position as filibusters, to be in the unenviable position of pirates, and the wisest Cuban heads have been summoned in consultation. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Scott Wake was at Key West investigating the matter, but the absence of a district attorney at that place made detention a farce. Mr. Wake stopped at Jacksonville and consulted the district attorney there for having no representative at Key West. He arrived here today and has been in consultation with the collector of customs. The affair presents the following aspect: No denial has been made of the story by officials of the Three Friends. Their silence was an admission. In that case Spain may make requisition upon this government for the persons who were aboard, and this government has no alternative but the delivery. Mr. Wake is to leave tomorrow on the cutter Forward for Key West, where the fullest possible details of the serious situation will be obtained. News Admits It. When the Clivette arrived this afternoon, Colonel Nunez, Carrillo and several other Cubans were on board. Captain O'Brien of the Three Friends also was a passenger. Colonel Nunez admitted that the story of the engagement is true and appeared particularly proud. He had been custodian of all the recent expeditions. When they learned of Assistant Secretary Wake's presence, the lossing changed to consternation as the light in which they were regarded dawned upon them. Nunez and the Cubans came to Tampa to consult with the leading Cubans. They left for Jacksonville where they go to confer with the officers of the Three Friends. This admission of Colonel Nunez and the denial of O'Brien are regarded as substantiating the story of the fight. Other passengers besides Nunez confirm the story. It is also learned that the arms of the last expedition fell into Spanish hands. Francis Lynde Stetson, President Cleveland's former law partner, was at Port Tampa today. When this was learned, it was said that he had been sent a special emissary to look into the case. This helped to increase the fright of the Cubans. The Three Friends left Key West for Jacksonville.

BIG MAIL ROBBERY. One of the Largest and Cleverest Ever Worked on the Department.

New York, Dec. 28.—Several business firms that had wondered why important letters containing large sums of money had been delayed in the mails have received the letters, but not the inclosures, stained with the waters of the bay, in which they had tossed for two or three days before being picked up. The letters had been opened, the money inside, transmitted by the firms' correspondents in Chicago, Cincinnati, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, taken out, after which the thief had dropped the letters into the bay. Investigation made at the postoffice confirmed the story. The robbery is evidently one of the largest and cleverest ever known in the history of the department, and the total loss reaches many thousands of dollars. The postoffice officials admit this much, but decline, for official reasons, to say anything further. It was learned that the mailbags were stolen at a depot in this city from a western express that reached here Tuesday; that the letters were carried away; that the thieves boarded an outgoing steamer and are now on their way to Europe or to one of the southern ports.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—It is learned that when the alleged filibustering craft the Three Friends arrives at Jacksonville, whether she is bound in charge of a customs officer, she will be labeled for violation of the neutrality laws. An important point in connection with the case, it is said, will depend upon whether or not the Three Friends had a gun mounted aboard her; the offense in this event being much graver than it otherwise would be and not at all dependent on whether or not the gun actually was fired.

ACCUSED OF MURDER.

Captain Hand, a Prominent New Jersey Oyster Shipper, Under Arrest. PORT NORRIS, N. J., Dec. 28.—Captain Leonard Hand, one of the most prominent oyster shippers in Cumberland county, has been arrested charged with the murder of Norman Pinkard, whose death occurred three weeks ago. Pinkard was shot by Hand, who was carrying a loaded gun, while on his way from his boat to his home. The coroner's jury exonerated Hand. Since then Charles Pinkard, father of the dead man, has secured evidence upon which he has caused the arrest of Hand. The father claims that his son was murdered, and there was a motive for it. He says Captain Hand owed his son \$3,000 and gave a bill of sale on his boat to secure it. The motive for the alleged intentional shooting he claims, was to get possession of the bill of sale. Captain Hand's explanation of the fatal shooting is that he was walking behind Pinkard, and the sudden shifting of his gun from one arm to the other caused it to go off. The load entered Pinkard's back, killing him almost instantly.

CHICAGO'S ATLAS BANK.

Its Doors Not Opened, Liquidation Having Been Announced. CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The Atlas National bank, which has decided to wind up its affairs on account, as officially stated, of the failing health of its president, C. D. Granits, did not open its doors today. The knowledge that all depositors would be paid on demand, the clearing house, after an examination, having decided to advance sufficient funds for this purpose without awaiting realization in the assets of the bank, prevented any excitement in business circles as a result of the suspension.

The bank which went out of business was involved in the failure of the Meadows bank. The Central Trust and Savings bank, which assigned a year ago, cleared through the Atlas. The collateral which the defunct bank had on deposit to secure its clearance was said to be ample, however, and at the time Mr. Granits made the statement that the Atlas National bank would not lose through the failure, W. A. Paulsen, who was president of the Central Trust and Savings bank, and Charles B. Farwell. The suit is based upon the trouble which Mr. Paulsen had with the bank at the time of the failure of the Central Trust and Savings concern. Mr. Paulsen alleged that, although his bank had deposited in the Atlas National bank collateral sufficient to cover all claims against it, clearing facilities were refused, and the bank was forced to assign.

The Dallas Trust Company Failure. DALLAS, Dec. 29.—The failure of the Security Mortgage and Trust company has created much discussion in business circles in this city. Many business men had long expected trouble for the concern, but the public generally was surprised at the failure. The opinion is general that local losses will be comparatively insignificant, but eastern and foreign capitalists will lose fully \$1,500,000 on their investments and the exact figures on liabilities and assets were given out as follows: Liabilities, \$1,200,025; interest, \$95,000; quit sale mortgages, \$650,000; interest, \$10,000; taxes, \$17,000; liabilities on stock, \$500,000; cash and mortgages, \$1,500,000; in subcompanies, \$114,000; bonds in various corporations, \$50,000; mortgages sold, not collected, \$650,000; total assets, \$2,314,000. The subcompanies are the Trust Company Building association, the Texas Farm Land company, the Security Investment company and the Cotton Mills Building association.

The Bank of Minnesota. ST. PAUL, Dec. 28.—A meeting of the officers, directors and a few stockholders of the Bank of Minnesota was held, and a resolution declaring it to be the sense of those present that the bank be reorganized was unanimously adopted. A committee of three, consisting of Messrs. William Dawson, E. W. Peet and Arnold Kiplman, was appointed to formulate a plan of reorganization.

A Boiler Company Failed. CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—The Excelsior Machine and Boiler Works company failed today; assets and liabilities each about \$49,000. Appointed by Governor Merton. ALBANY, Dec. 29.—Governor Morton announces the following appointments: Harrison S. Moore of Little Neck, to be county judge of the county of Queens to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Garrett J. Garretson, who is a judge elect of the supreme court; James W. Tolbert of Schoenectady, to be county treasurer of the county of Schoenectady, vice John G. Lockerman, deceased.

A Newspaper's Troubles. MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—Great indignation is being expressed among French Canadianians about the announcement of Hleot, the principal French Canadian Liberal organ in Canada. Pacaud, the proprietor, has dispatched lawyers to Rome to make an appeal to the propoganda.

ST. LOUIS BANKERS' WIN. The Subtreasury in That City to Join the Clearing House Association. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—The subtreasury of the United States in this city will become a member of the St. Louis Clearing House association on Jan. 2, 1897. Subtreasurer George Small has just received from Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle a letter approving of a contract with the Clearing House association. The entrance of the subtreasury into the Clearing House association is an important business event. For years the bankers of St. Louis have been laboring with the government to bring about what they have just accomplished.

A VICTIM OF HIGHWAYMEN. Tax Collector Roscoe Finley Beaten Into Insensibility and Robbed. ELKE, Pa., Dec. 28.—Roscoe Finley, the tax collector in Greenfield township, this county, was waylaid, beaten into insensibility, robbed and then hauled into his barn, which was fired by the would be assassins last night. Finley had collected between \$200 and \$300, and upon returning to his home late in the evening he went to the barn to attend to his horses. As he entered the barn with his lantern in his hand he was set upon by two masked men and knocked down. He fell outside of the barn in the fight. He was robbed and then dragged into the barn. But for the fact that a neighbor whose attention had been attracted by the fire entered the barn to release the cattle and horses and stumbled over Finley's body he would have been cremated. The barn was burned. Finley is unable to give any particulars. His condition is precarious.

Bryan's Lecture Tour. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 28.—The following was given to the press last night by W. J. Bryan: "Mr. McFee has with my consent transferred his contract to H. Briggs & Co. of Greenville, S. C. Only five lectures have been arranged for up to this time. Whether I shall deliver any in addition to that number is as yet undecided. I have some further work on hand which may interfere with further lecturing during this season."

Kentucky's Bryan Elector. LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 28.—The Republican state committee has served notice of contest on W. B. Smith, the sole Bryan elector who was elected in Kentucky. Chairman Sam J. Roberts says the notice was prepared and served merely to protect the rights of Republicans in case the Democrats should file contests against the 12 successful Republican electors.

Killed by an Explosion. MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 28.—Two blocks of business buildings were burned yesterday, and F. M. Frank, a clothing merchant, was killed, and Alonzo Johnson, colored, was seriously injured by the explosion of a water apparatus. The loss of property is estimated at \$75,000.

A School Burned. TONAWANDA, N. Y., Dec. 28.—The Tonawanda high school was totally destroyed by fire last night. The loss will be between \$30,000 and \$75,000. It is thought that defective heating apparatus caused the blaze.

One Of His Head. GENEVA, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Charles S. Bentley, aged 17 years, was struck by a Central Hudson freight train yesterday. His head was completely severed from his body, which was terribly mangled.

Receiver For a Railroad. COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 28.—A receiver has been appointed for the Columbus and Hooking Valley Coal and Iron company.

THE INDIAN TRIUMPHED. A Neat Trick by Which a Warrior Killed an Enormous Grizzly.

H. J. Barling, who is identified with the salmon industry of Alaska as the owner of an extensive canning plant at Karik, Kodiak Island, is among the arrivals at the Palace Hotel. Mr. Barling brought down with him from Karik some of the largest bear skins ever seen in San Francisco. One of them, the skin of an enormous grizzly, measuring twelve feet from tip to tip, and together with several other peltry of almost equal size, it forms an interesting exhibit such as is not to be seen every day in San Francisco. Mr. Barling has a marvellous tale to relate of a native's way of killing a bear. It is this: "There are many grizzlies on Kodiak Island," said he, "as well as a large number of cinnamon bears. I was cruising around in a launch in an unfrequented cove one day when I spied two immense grizzlies not far up the creek. They were so large that I did not care to go after them, but when I got back to Karik I communicated the fact to an Indian who enjoyed the reputation of being one of the best bear hunters in that section. 'All right,' he said, 'well, you had better hurry up,' I told him, 'because those bears won't stay there very long. I ask mammy, was his brief rejoinder. He was 52 years old, but he had to ask his mother. She was the oldest woman in the village, and her opinion carried a great deal of weight. "Pretty soon he started cross country after the bears. Some of the natives of Kodiak use firearms on their hunting expeditions. This fellow simply armed himself with a long spear. He greased his head and got to windward of the animals. Pretty soon he heard a tramping in the brush, and knew that the prey was approaching. He dug a hole in the ground, planted one end of the spear firmly, with the point in the direction of the bear, and then crouched down. The bear came along and kicked the head of the Indian. With a swift and dexterous movement the native cut a gash in the bear's neck with the sharp spear point. The angered animal drew back a few yards and made a rush. He impaled himself on the spear and all was over."—San Francisco Chronicle.

He Won the Bet. A sporting gentleman, who had the reputation of being a very bad shot, invited some of his friends to dine with him. Before dinner he showed them a target painted on a barn-door, with a bullet right in the bull's eye. "This," he claimed to have shot at one thousand yards distance. As nobody believed him, he offered to bet the price of an oyster supper on it. On one of his guests accepting the wager, he produced two witnesses whose veracity could not be doubted to testify to the truth of his assertion. Since they both stated that he had done what he claimed, he won the bet. During dinner the loser of the wager inquired how the host had managed to make such an excellent shot. The host answered, "Well, I took the door from a distance of one thousand yards, and then I painted the target round the bullet-hole."

To Clean Broadcloth. Mix with one ounce of finely ground pipe clay twelve drops of alcohol and twelve of the spirits of turpentine. Whenever a stain is to be removed from cloth, moisten this mixture with alcohol, rub on the spot, and let it remain until dry. Rub off then with a woolen cloth and the spots will have disappeared.

Ecclesiastical Amphibians. A Welsh schoolmaster was talking to his pupils about amphibious animals. After explaining that they lived in the water as well as on dry land, he asked for examples. Several were correctly given, and then a small boy held out his hand. "Well, what is it?" asked the master. The boy promptly exclaimed, "A Baptist, sir!"

Date Vinegar. Date vinegar, which is now being put on the British market, is regarded as something quite novel and superior to malt vinegar. It is to be noted that the Arabs and some Asiatics have prepared vinegar from dates for ages past.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1896.

THE WEATHER—To-day, fair to partly cloudy and slowly rising temperature, with possible light snow or rain to-night. To-morrow partly cloudy and warmer and on Thursday fair to partly cloudy and slight temperature changes.

Support Your Own.

The city council last night voted to order new uniforms for the laddies of Phoenix Eque company. A veteran fireman calls the GAZETTE'S attention to the fact that on several occasions heretofore, when uniforms have been ordered for our firemen, the contracts have been given to non-residents, without giving our local clothiers any opportunity to bid for the suits.

As stated to the GAZETTE, on one occasion at least, the order for uniforms was given a Bridgeport clothing firm, and in two other cases they were taken to a Stamford firm. This if true, is all wrong. Our Norwalk clothiers who pay taxes, pay rent and pay their living expenses to allow merchants, should have the first chance in furnishing these garments, for they certainly can do them as well and as cheaply as outside dealers and bare far more interest in giving full value. The fire laddies also, we are assured, would be far better pleased if the suits were made at home.

A word to the wise—council committee—ought to be sufficient.

The Coming Legislature.

One week from to-day our new State government will get itself in order to take in its hands official responsibility. On Wednesday week, Governor-elect Cooke, will be inaugurated with usual pomp and ceremony. His message will be read, the two houses of our Legislature will be organized and the business of the session will begin. Prior to the convening of the House, a caucus will be held at which a candidate for Speaker is to be selected. Up to late, there have been mentioned for that high and

responsible office, Joseph L. Barbour of Hartford, Robert Coit of New London, Judge Cowell of Waterbury, Judge Boraback of Canaan, and our own representative, John Belden Hurlbutt of Norwalk.

It is in human nature to think your own the best, yet it is no disparagement to any other candidate to say that for the arduous duties of the Speakership, our Mr. Hurlbutt is the peer of any other whose name is mentioned, and that in all the high qualities requisite for the position he is excelled by none.

Mr. Hurlbutt admittedly stands at the head of the bar, in this vicinity. He has that self poise that comes of actual mastery of the situation, and that dignity and judicial fairness and courteous firmness, attendant upon entirely competent and quick mental decision.

Nature seems to have especially endowed our friend Hurlbutt for this class of high responsibility and arduous detail in the guidance of such a large and not always harmonious or consistent assemblage of contending members. There is a reserve power and capacity behind his always genial yet powerful face that would make him a conspicuously able, successful and popular speaker.

Neither has Mr. Hurlbutt or his friends made any efforts to advance his claims or to even make known his exceptionally superior qualifications for the speakership and he and they, will cheerfully abide by whatever action may be taken in the matter at the coming caucus. His merits and ability, will soon find due recognition in whatever position may be delegated him. The state, our county and our town, will find in Mr. Hurlbutt and Colonel Frost, two representatives of such high and manly acquirements and qualities, as will make them not only an honor to the body to which they have been elected, but of conspicuous service to our grand old commonwealth.

An Old Salt.

Commodore Richard Peck, aged 81 of the New York & New Haven Transportation company and a resident of New Haven, completed his sixty-eight years of steamboat service yesterday. He is believed to be the oldest steamboat man in America. He is still active.

Handsome show cards printed at the GAZETTE office.

THE EVENING GAZETTE

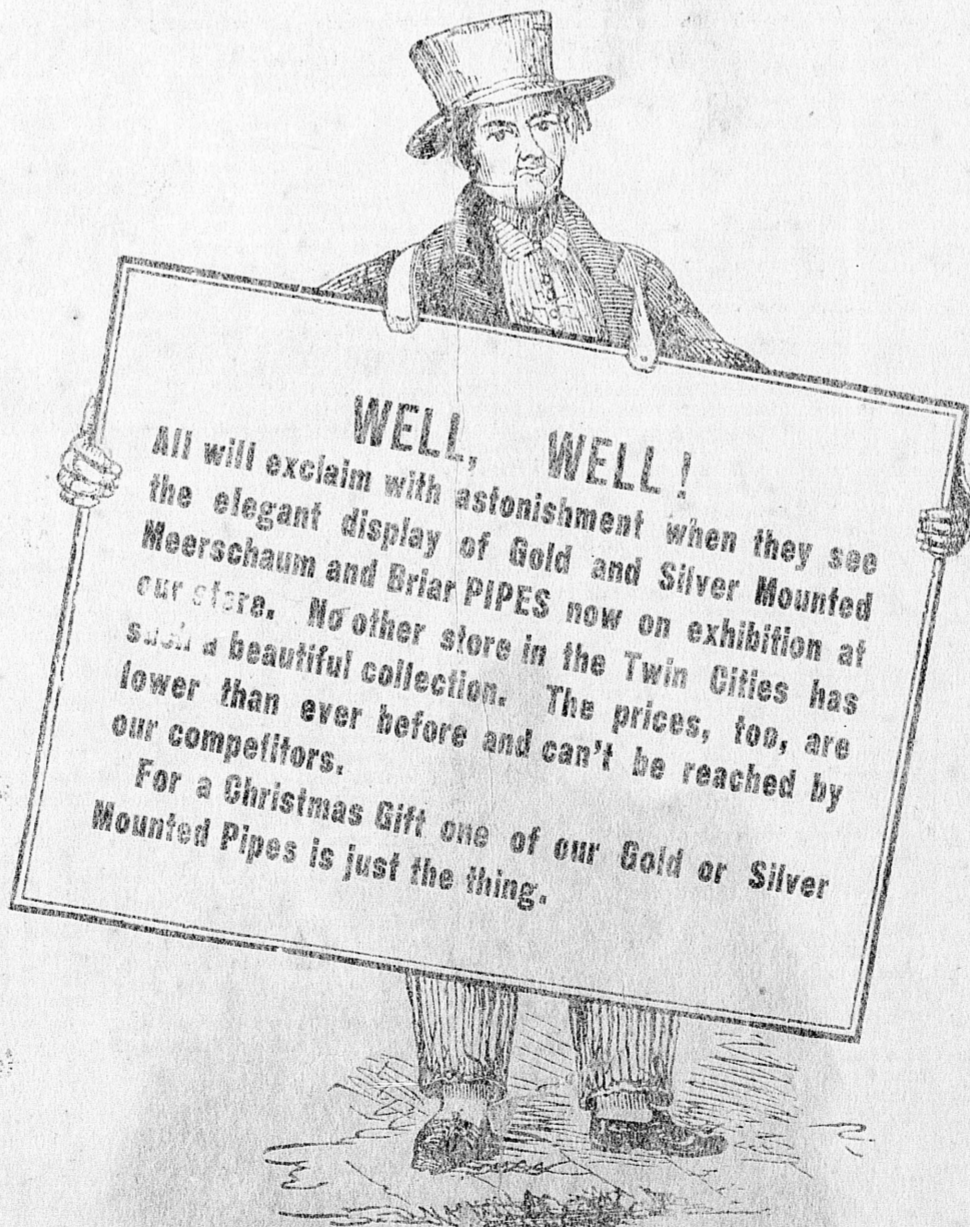
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LAST FOR 1896-Continued.

fact that the sum of \$50 voted some months since to the Fire Police to be used in refurnishing their rooms had not yet been paid. Councilman Chinery was instructed to purchase new uniforms for the Phoenix Engine company. Councilman Smith reported progress on the proposed Wall street improvements. And the meeting adjourned.

EX-GOV. LOUNSBURY

Has Gone into the Life Insurance Business in New York City. Ex-Governor P. C. Lounsbury has gone into the life insurance business in New York, and has been placed at the head of the board of directors of the Provident Savings Life Assurance society of New York. The majority of the stock has been purchased by the ex-governor and his business friends in the metropolis. The new Board of directors consists of ex-Governor Lounsbury, now president of the Merchants' Exchange National bank of New York; Henry O. Davis, vice president of the Norfolk & Western railroad; Charles W. Drake, treasurer of the Deaver & Rio Grand railway; W. T. Gilbert, counselor-at-law; H. J. Borden, publisher, and Stephen A. Brownell of Armour & Co.

SENSATION COMING.

Abuses in Public Institutions to be Aired in the Legislature. The county auditors have just completed their reports which have been placed in the hands of the Governor. It is said that when the reports are submitted to the legislature for reading there will be a sensation. This will come from the reports dealing with the various county homes. Just what the nature of the disclosures in this respect will be cannot be ascertained. It is also rumored that certain abuses in these institutions have not been confined to any particular portion of the state. Auditor Wells said that the reports of the auditors were in the hands of the governor and he was not at liberty to say any thing one way or the other regarding the contents of the documents.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Cotton King. William A. Brady's "The Cotton King" will be presented at Hoyt's Theatre to-night. The following is the plot of the play: "The play abounds with a beautiful story, told by a capable company. The situations are strong and the climaxes very powerful. The cotton-king scene in the fourth act is a genuine novelty. The Cotton King is decidedly one of the best attractions on the road and every one who prefers melodrama should not fail to see it." The Tornado. The claim is made for Lincoln J. Carter's new scenic play, "The Tornado," that its realism is of such an imposing nature that even the pictorial matter used in advertising the play do not do the piece justice; that the scenes depicted by the posters are actually so much more impressive when seen, as Mr. Carter presents them in his play, that one must acknowledge that for once the printer's ink has not overdone things. Hoyt's Theatre, Friday, January 1, for two performances, matinee and night. Matinee prices 10 and 25 cents.

Reception to Dr. and Mrs. Noble. Thursday evening, the last of the old year, will be marked in the Congregational church by a reception given by the ladies to the pastor and his wife, from 5:30 to 7:30, during which time supper will be served to all. At 8 the annual meeting of the Ecclesiastical Society will be held and the rental of pews will take place. After this is concluded there will be a consecration service in the chapel to close the old year. This will take the place of the usual bi-monthly preparatory lecture, and arrangements are on foot to make the service very helpful and inspiring.

Liked Chocolate Creams. Eighteen tramps were given lodgings at the Hotel Howard last night. On being liberated this morning, one of the number attracted the attention of "Tommy" Gregory who gave him a coin. "Tommy" was the fellow that started for Raymond's grocery store, and remarked, "Well, that fellow is actually hungry." He was not a little surprised to later learn that the fellow had purchased five cents worth of chocolate cream and a cent's worth of winter-green lozenges.

I. O. O. F. At a meeting of Our Brothers Lodge, I. O. O. F., held last evening, the following officers were elected: C. W. Little, N. G.; Mortimer Betts, V. G.; Bradley S. Keith, Secretary; A. A. Bette, Treasurer. They will be installed next Monday evening by District Deputy Nichols, and at which time the balance of the officers will also be appointed and installed.

HERE AND THERE.

An Epitome of Happenings of Interest to the Public.

Garnered With Scissors and Pencil. —Carbonette at Lewis'. D. 5 ft. Rev. John H. Sheehan is in Hartford to-day. Buckingham Post, G. A. R. will meet to-morrow evening. The "Fireside" at the Norwalk club rooms will take place this evening.

—Great Bargains at 28 Wall street for the next 20 days. d17 ft. Congressmen Hull will be the guest of Mayor Clark of Bridgeport, to-morrow. Mrs. George S. Gramman and sister are visiting relatives in New Rochelle. John T. Hayes has been appointed new rent collector at St. Mary's church.

Miss Gertrude L. Camp is visiting her sister Mrs. Redfield in New Haven for a few days. Chief Bradley will see to it that the law is enforced in regard to fast driving on West avenue. Miss Clara Hill has gone to join her newly married sister at the Hamilton House, Washington.

Two hogs, one weighing 450 and the other 390 pounds, were butchered at the Town Farm, yesterday. —Union beer only is sold at J. H. Gormley's saloon, on Main street. Street Commissioner Kellogg is having the city sidewalks freed of ice and snow. —Go to 23 Wall street. d17 ft.

The annual business meeting of the Baptist church will be held this evening. —Window cards printed while you wait, at the Gazette's office. Mrs. Ana Francis of Wunipack is visiting her daughter Mrs. Samuel Turner of Jersey City. Mayor Wheeler and the Councilmen will be sworn in at the Norwalk club rooms next Friday at 12 o'clock.

—Attend grand ball Knights Columbus Lookwood's hall, Thursday evening. 3t. John Fahay, who for the past thirty years has been paw rent collector at St. Mary's church, has resigned. The subject of the ladies' prayer meeting in the Congregational chapel to-morrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock will be "Helps in Daily Duties."

Mrs. Frances E. Anderson fell on the ice outside the door of her home on Sunday morning, and is now confined to her bed with a serious illness. —Owing to the continued illness of Mr. Frank I. Jones, the crockery store No. 23 Wall street will sell goods for the next 20 days at a great sacrifice. This is the place and now is the time for Bargains. d17 ft.

Congressman Hill will appear before the Board of Apportionment at Bridgeport, to-morrow night to urge upon the Board the advisability of making an appropriation to defray the cost of a drawbridge across the channel of Yellow Mill pond. —Selling out balance of toys and holiday goods at your own price, to make room for seasonable goods. See prices in show window. The Bazar, Main street. The New Haven Palladium says that St. Patrick's church in that city was crowded yesterday at the funeral of Joseph Brennan. A solemn mass of requiem was celebrated. The deceased was a brother of Edward Brennan of this city. —Mrs. Hannibal Williams' recitation at Lockwood's Hall, will occur on 20th January, if enough tickets are subscribed for by Saturday. She recites in Danbury, 19th.

The Central's Dividend. The Central National Bank this morning declared its regular dividend of three per cent, on the earnings of the past six months. The Fairfield County Savings Bank, and the Norwalk Savings Society, will credit depositors, as usual, with interest at the rate of four per cent, per annum. At Washington. The first session of the Committee raised to prepare a new tariff bill, was held yesterday and representatives of the manufacturers of chemicals appeared and advocated an increase of duties on these American made products. A pain in the chest is nature's warning that pneumonia is threatened. Dampen a piece of flannel with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bind over the seat of pain and another on the back between the shoulders, and prompt relief will follow. Sold by E. R. Weed, Druggist. Subscribe for the GAZETTE.

South Norwalk.

Branch Office of GAZETTE No. 12 North Main Street.

—Fresh hams 10c lb. Paul Schultz's. Don't forget the Cotton King at Hoyt's Theatre to-night. Uncas Tribe, I. O. R. M., will elect officers at its meeting to-morrow night. Volunteer Hook and Ladder company of Darien will keep "open house" New Year's Eve. A water pipe in the second story of the Lauder building, burst yesterday afternoon and flooded A. Pohlman's barber shop on Washington street and the store next door.

—Pork Roast 5c lb. Paul Schultz's. Mrs. A. J. Owens of North Main street, held the lucky ticket that secured the bicycle at the South Norwalk Hardware company's store. The number of the ticket was 3,270. A stag party composed of the members of the Yacht club, had a sleigh ride to Beck's Little Coney Island near Shippan Point, Stamford, last night, where a fine supper was served.

The new engine house at Wilson Point has been put in use and hereafter all the engines will be housed there, instead of at the freight yard at the Danbury dock. The round-house holds about a dozen engines. One of Liverman Solmans sleighs, occupied by a drummer, was upset near Grace church, Norwalk, yesterday afternoon. The horse ran away and returned to the stable, while Eddie Connors brought home the sleigh.

—Cape Cod cranberries, 7c qt. Paul Schultz, 5 Railroad Place. John B. Perry, a well known bicyclist, formerly of this city, but now of Bridgeport, will be married in Glenbrook, next Friday evening, to Miss Edith May Stanton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stanton, of that place.

At the meeting of Old Well Hook and Ladder company last evening, considerable business was transacted. The committee on concert and entertainment was authorized to get up a concert for the company's benefit, to be given some time before Lent. The Immediate Relief association of Sherman and Ponnass council held their annual meeting last night and elected the following officers: President, W. H. Hoyt; vice-president, A. A. Bette; treasurer, George F. Bearse; secretary, F. W. Gregory; trustees, C. Raymond, L. C. Green, A. H. Theile.

The Christmas business of the Adams Express Company was larger this year than ever before, and it was all handled promptly and satisfactorily. This company will operate on the New England road and its branches beginning January 1, succeeding there the United States Express Company. —First class turkeys, 18c lb., at Paul Schultz, Jr., No. 5 Railroad Place.

The first of the series of games of pinochle between the Old Well Hook and Ladder and the Mayflower boys, was played last night, the former scoring 18 to the Mayflowers 11. The second of the series will be played next Monday night at East Norwalk, and the third will be played at some place agreed upon. David Nash's store in Randall's Mill block, at the north end of the Benediot Farm bridge, was entered one night last week, and articles taken to the value of \$6. Among the goods taken are three boxes of cigars, three papers of tobacco, and some confectionery. Entrance to the store was gained by breaking out one of the large panes of glass in the front window and crawling through, probably the work of boys.

Alexander Mackey of Darien, offered to repair damages along the north side of the Post Road, caused by the recent building of the telford-macadam road-bed, over which a hearing is now being held before commissioners, for \$215, and to pay whatever more was required to complete the work, out of his own pocket. He believes his method of settling the matter would have been cheaper than that chosen by Selectmen Waterbury and Raymond.

—Home made native sausage meat, 10c lb. Paul Schultz, Jr., No 5 Railroad Place. The annual report of Adjutant-General Graham, just issued, says of the Soldiers' Home: "The number of inmates borne on the rolls November 30, 1896, was 454, being an increase of 100 over the year preceding. The number in the Home proper is 307, in the hospital at the Eastern 90, in the Connecticut Asylum 57, and in the Insane 27. The new building erected in 1895 has been completed, and is occupied as a dormitory, dining room and kitchen. The Home in its present condition seems to be as near perfect as any such institution can be made and it is a credit to the State."

The Best for Children. "I believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best for children I ever used. For croup it is unequalled. It is a splendid seller with us.—T. M. Eckers, Ph. G. Manager Wampum Pharmacy, Wampum, Pa." When used as soon as the first symptoms appear, that is as soon as the child becomes hoarse or even after the croupy cough has appeared, it will prevent the attack. The mothers of croupy children should bear this in mind and always keep the remedy at hand. It is also the best remedy in the world for colds and whooping cough. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by E. P. Weed, Druggist.

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F. A. Lane had the misfortune to lose a \$10 bill out of his pocket, while responding to the alarm of fire Sunday morning.

THE OPAL.

The absurd superstition held by so many that the opal brings ill-luck to its owner, as if there were a compelling power or genius residing in stones, would not seem to be shared by those who rate the two opals belonging to the French crown jewels at fifteen thousand dollars, or the famous one sent from Hungary to the first World's Exhibition at twenty thousand dollars, or by those who protect the delicate and friable edges of very brilliant specimens by a thin lamina of quartz. The Hungarian merchants who take the pains to export the opal to the East by means of Greek and Turkish agents from whence they return to European markets as Oriental gems, are hardly intimidated by the existence of this superstition; nor could Humboldt greatly have regarded it when he brought to the polite world the first specimens of the superb stone known as the Mexican fire-opal, too precious to be owned, with its red and flame-colored splendors, by many with less than imperial purses.—Harper's Bazar.

A post-office town in Pennsylvania was strangely named. It is called "Aitch," and this is the way it came by that title. There are in that part of Huntingdon County five prosperous farmers, respectively named Anderson, Isenberg, Taylor, Crum, and Henderson. Each of them wished the town to be named after himself, but they could not come to an agreement; and finally, as a compromise, the first letter from each name was taken and placed together, and thereby originated the old name "Aitch."

"I hardly think," said the lawyer "that you can get a separation from your wife on account of her making a practice of throwing things at you." "But," said the man with the haggard look and the black eye, "every time she throws at the dog she hits me!"

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ASTOR A LOYAL BRITON

William Waldorf Has Become a Subject of Queen Victoria.

THIS LAND NOT FIT FOR HIM.

So the Multimillionaire Has Taken the Oath of Allegiance to Her Most Gracious Majesty, the Queen of England and Empress of India.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Press today prints the following:

William Waldorf Astor has sworn allegiance to the queen. The last link connecting the author-publisher-diplomat of the great family of money-makers with the land of his birth is severed. Such is the news that came from London by letter yesterday. It was from a relative of a New Yorker who has reason to be interested in the doings of the members of the Astor family. The letter gave circumstantial details.

While this is news, it is not surprising news. It is no more surprising than the recent news that Mr. Astor had given orders that his vast holdings of New York real estate be disposed of as rapidly as possible without actual sacrifice.

All New York knows that Mr. Astor has expressed himself to the effect that this country is not a fit place for a gentleman. All New York society knows of the family feud, beginning with the estrangement of the J. Coleman Draytons and the comfort extended to the husband by the Pauls of Philadelphia, of whom Mrs. William Waldorf Astor was one.

And gossips of two continents have told and retold the story of how, when Mr. Astor brought to New York the body of his wife to lay it in Trinity churchyard, Mrs. William Astor, his aunt, and her connections not only ignored his presence, but plunged into a series of splendid festivities to let the world know that they ignored him.

The Last Tie Severed.

William Waldorf Astor has not been in New York since. One by one he has severed the ties that bound him to this country, and now comes the news that the stars and stripes no longer mean anything to him.

John Jacob Astor, the first expatriated himself. It is 113 years since he left Heidelberg and came here to dicker with the Indians for furs. He was born at Waidorf, which is near Heidelberg, and that name lives in New York today in the great hotel at Thirty-third street and Fifth avenue. John Jacob Astor the first became a citizen and was so devoted to the interests of his adopted country that while the war of 1812 was raging he made a lot of money speculating in government securities.

So William Waldorf Astor has the example of his great ancestor in adopting a country. It is true that he never speculated in government securities in times of war or bond deals, but he served his country as a diplomat. He was minister to Italy in 1882-3, and while the stars and stripes were floating above his head he wrote his book, "Valentino" (1886), and planned for "Sforza" (1889).

The next we shall hear of William Waldorf Astor perhaps will be that he has won the Derby or done some other thing peculiarly English. Then he will be eligible to a title and full recognition along with the Duchesses of Marlborough and other titled Americans.

His Ambitions.

Mr. Astor is only 48 years old, so it is no wonder that gossips have planned all sorts of brilliant marriages for him. If he does marry, which seems unlikely, his English brothers may set it down that his choice will be something other than the conventional butterfly of London's highest social swim.

The Astors never have made mistakes in selecting their wives. Gussie Astor is the only one of the family who has had domestic trouble, and her father's accusations of what a woman ought to be were so strict that he cut her out of her fortune.

Whatever may be Mr. Astor's notions for his own domestic future, it is certain that he has high ambition for his daughters, and whatever time he can spare from his social engagements and his duties toward the prince must be devoted to study of the eligibles of the peerage. He has a son, too, and if he does not get a title for himself he may want one for him.

The English naturalization law requires a residence of five years. Mr. Astor has been in London longer than the required time.

The Nevada Senatorship.

CARSON, Nev., Dec. 28.—The indications are that Senator John P. Jones, who left the Republican ranks and became a Populist recently, will have to fight for his return to the United States senate. A dispatch from Winnemucca announces that George Nixon, a banker and editor of The Silver State, a paper that up to now has strongly supported Jones, announces in a card in his paper that he will contest for the seat in the United States senate.

Alderman Accused of Murder.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Alderman Thomas J. O'Malley of the Twenty-second ward has been indicted by the grand jury for the murder of Gus Collander on election night in November, 1894. O'Malley's indictment has created a sensation. He was elected to the council last spring with the indorsement of the Municipal Voters league and has a good record in that body.

Lolo Fuller to Wed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The Bulletin announces the engagement of Lolo Fuller, the dancer, to Senator Jacob A. Cantor of New York and published an interview with Miss Fuller in which she did not deny the engagement and asked if the announcement had emanated from Cantor.

St. Louis' Moral Spasm.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—Chief Harrigan of the police department has warned the proprietors of the four poolrooms that recently started up in this city after a long close down that if they continue open he will raid their places and prosecute them under the law of 1891.

Olney Can't Attend.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Secretary Olney has been obliged to decline the invitation to attend the Jacksonian dinner of the Chicago sound money Democrats because his attendance is expected at a cabinet dinner on the 7th of January.

Steinitz Wins at Moscow.

MOSCOW, Dec. 28.—In the chess match now in progress here Steinitz won the thirteenth game, a queen's gambit declined, after 40 moves. The score now stands: Lasker, 7; Steinitz, 2; drawn, 4.

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The Empress Frederic Instrumental in Deposing Bismarck.

By way of throwing more light on the question of Prince Bismarck's disclosures, the Figaro publishes an extract from a letter which it says comes straight from the Court of Berlin. In it the writer remarks that this is simply a new incident of the struggle which has been going on since the Prince retired into private life. The direct cause of the Chancellor's fall, as this missive asserts, was that the Empress Frederic, having learned from the Princess of Wales the attitude assumed by Prince Bismarck in the Bulgarian question and "toward the Nihilists," succeeded in convincing of the fact the Emperor William II, who caused the army and political world to be informed of the "diableries" which had severed Russia from Germany and had led her to draw nearer to France.

There was a universal outburst of indignation, particularly among the generals, and some strongly-worded letters were forwarded to Friedrichsruh. Prince Bismarck then declared that he would take up the gauntlet, and come out with counter revelations. "This man is disgracing us," exclaimed the Emperor to his mother, who replied, "I have always said so, and now the eyes of all are opened." Such is the version given by the Figaro, and which may be reproduced without any expression of opinion on the subject, as it is attracting much attention, and is the theme of considerable comment.

Changed its Course.

The Hoang-ho, or Yellow River, one of the principal rivers of China, is more than 2,000 miles in length. This river is said to have changed its course as many as twenty-two times in the course of the present century, and its mouth is now three hundred miles distant from its position a hundred years ago. Each change causes great devastation, and has earned the river the title of "China's Sorrow." Its last great inundation in 1887 was credited with destroying millions of lives. An Indian river, the Brahmapootra, has changed its course more than once, and gave rise to most serious floods in 1860, when two hundred and seventy-five miles of the country were submerged.—The Bist.

He Had Confidence in His Son.

When Mr. Rudyard Kipling was twelve, he went on a sea-voyage with his father. The elder Kipling became sea-sick. It is related, and went below, leaving the youngster to himself. Presently there was a great commotion overhead, and one of the ship's officers rushed down and banged at Mr. Kipling's door. "Mr. Kipling," he called out, "your boy has crawled out on the yard-arm, and if he lets go, he'll drown!" "Yes," said Mr. Kipling, glad to know that nothing was the matter: "but he won't let go."

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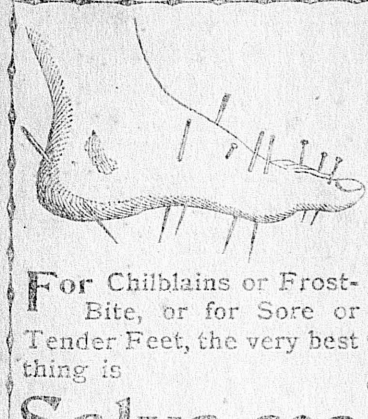
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WIDOW ASKS JUSTICE.

An Extraordinary Episode in a Court-room in Bulgaria.

MME. STAMBULOFF'S WORDS.

She Demands That Men on Trial For the Assassination of Her Husband Be Acquitted and the Real Culprits Brought to the Bar.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Stambuloff, widow of the murdered ex-premier of Bulgaria, whose alleged assassins are on trial here, made a short but impassioned speech before the mixed tribunal which is hearing the case. Mrs. Stambuloff, when the trial commenced, declined to attend, but in response to repeated requests she attended the sitting of the court dressed in the deepest mourning, a long black veil concealing her features. When her name was called, the most profound silence fell upon the assemblage.



upon the assemblage. The widow, whose eyes were great and shining in a voice shaking with passionate emotion she said:

"You have insisted upon my presence, and I am here. I have nothing to say, because I do not see arranged before your honorable court those who are known to be the real assassins of my late husband. "You know them, Mr. President! "And you, too, Mr. Procurator General! "Is it not so? "You know them, as all the world does! "Where are they? "I do not see them here!"

The Real Culprits Wanted.

Then with a gesture full of fire and indignation the unfortunate lady exclaimed, pointing to the alleged murderers of her husband: "Acquit these miserable people! "Summon before you the really guilty men, who are at present the government. "I have nothing to add, and I will now withdraw."

These utterances of the grief-stricken widow of the great Bulgarian statesman, known as the Bismarck of Bulgaria, who was so terribly backed and shot in the streets of this city on July 16, 1895, that he died on July 18, after his two hands had been amputated, caused the deepest impression upon the audience, which was composed of people belonging to the higher ranks of society.

The presiding judge and procurator general (public prosecutor) of counsel for the defense were so dumbfounded and unnerved by the terrible earnestness of the black-clad female figure who so fearfully denounced the methods employed in seemingly punishing the murderers of her husband that they were unable to put a single question to her, and she left the courtroom, a living picture of grief demanding vengeance from a tribunal of which she knew too well but little or nothing was to be expected.

The tragic address of Mrs. Stambuloff before the mixed tribunal is matter for general comment in even the government newspapers today. But the keynote of their remarks, taken from the leading organ of the ministry of Prince Ferdinand, is that the wife and friends of M. Stambuloff ought to have taken measures for the protection of the man who, the government newspapers add, either labored under mental derangements or "was so convinced of his own misdeeds that he sought death in the streets."

BOSTON'S CAR STRIKE.

McCConnell and Long Did Not Betray the Interests of the Union.

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—At a session of the supreme council of the conductors and motormen of the West End Street Railway company the charges against Messrs. McConnell and Long of the supreme council were thoroughly investigated. After a careful and searching inquiry into the allegations the supreme council drew up and gave out the following resolution, unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, Messrs. McConnell and Long, delegates from Cambridge union, have been unwarrantably accused of betraying the interests of the union by selling out to the managers of the West End Street railway, and

"Whereas, These charges are absolutely false and without the slightest foundation in fact; therefore

"Resolved, That the supreme council deny that the two members accused betrayed the conductors and motormen and affirm that Messrs. McConnell and Long did all in their power to protect and advance the interests of the men whom they represented and for whom they acted and legislated."

Funeral of John D. Townsend.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The funeral of John D. Townsend, the lawyer, was held today at his late residence. The Rev. Charles R. Treat of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal church officiated. The burial will take place privately tomorrow in Greenwood cemetery. The funeral has been delayed owing to the absence of Mr. Townsend's daughter, the wife of Lieutenant Frank Tremont, U. S. A., who is stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn.

Another Lynching Feared.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 29.—Governor Bradley has had several companies of the Second regiment of the state militia practically under arms for 48 hours owing to the fear that an attempt would be made to lynch Johnson Hoye, the negro being held at Paris for the murder of Charles Leay atynthiana.

Mighty Cold Weather This.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 29.—This has been the coldest day of the season here, the thermometer registering 10 degrees below zero. At Fort Jervis the mercury dropped to 8 below.

THE BOUNDARY TREATY.

Venezuela Accepts It, but Will Try to Secure One Commissioner.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—There is no longer a doubt that the Venezuelan government has decided to accept the boundary treaty as negotiated with Great Britain by the United States.

General Jose Andrade, the Venezuelan minister, arrived in this city yesterday afternoon and left at once for Washington. There, it is believed, he will meet the British minister tomorrow. He will probably make an attempt to secure modification of the treaty to the extent that Venezuela shall be directly represented upon the arbitration commission provided for. If this effort fails, as it is almost certain to do, the treaty will be formally accepted by both ministers and the protocol at once signed by them.

Quite again, exposition, the clause providing that Great Britain shall be entitled to all territory held by her citizens for 50 years, will not be opposed by Venezuela. The Cesp government has discovered that the greater portion of the disputed territory and all that is of value on account of gold deposits has only been claimed by Great Britain for a much shorter period and that power will only gain the few settlements between the Essequibo and Pomeroon rivers. These Venezuela was willing to concede to the start.

DEFECTIVE ARMOR PLATE.

Necessity For a Radical Change in the Method of Inspection.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Secretary Herbert has taken up for consideration the report of the special board which investigated the complaints from the Newport News constructors that steel of inferior quality had been supplied by the Carnegie works for the battleships Kentucky and Keokuk. The report is a copious statement of the facts disclosed by the many tests made by the board, and the defective plates are fully identified. The inquiry has demonstrated that the present system of inspection is ineffective, and plates are shown to have reached the shipyards that never were inspected at all. At least they bore none of the inspectors' marks.

The board has not yet examined the plates for the battleship Illinois, but as far as it has gone the inquiry has revealed the necessity for a radical change in the method of inspection, and Secretary Herbert will probably substitute expert civilian inspectors for the inexperienced naval officers now employed, acting under a special board composed of a constructor, an engineer and one of the officers for the present steel board made up of line officers.

WILL EXPOSE THE CULPRITS.

England Will Aim Over the Wholesale Disclosure of Government Secrets.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Observer, referring to the present systematic divulgence of confidential information by persons employed in the department of state, says: "The sensation developed unexpected surprises. It is apparent that secrets of the British service have been divulged with impunity not only to foreign governments, which pay large sums for information of a certain character, but also to certain British newspapers."

Recent occurrences indicate that the revelations are of great importance and that the practice of furnishing information of this character is spreading to other departments. Certain it is that these revelations have created consternation in official circles, and it is felt that the time has come to expose the culprits."

Joseph D. Weeks Dead.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 28.—Joseph D. Weeks, editor of The American Manufacturer and Iron World, died at his home last night from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Weeks was one of the best known metallurgists of the United States and for years has held a high position in the manufacturing business world. He was a thirty-third degree Mason.

Love Found a Way.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 28.—Winslow B. Johnson and Mrs. Lettie M. Ellis, prominent people of Syracuse, came all the way to Cleveland to be married Thursday. Mrs. Ellis was recently divorced in California on grounds not recognized in the New York laws and could not be remarried in that state. Hence the trip to Cleveland.

President Tabbs Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—Alfred Tabbs, president of the Tutbs Cigarage company, director of the Southern Pacific company, trustee of the Leland Stanford, Jr., university and the owner of extensive vineyards, is dead. He was 69 years old, a pioneer of 1849 and prominent in social and commercial circles.

Looked Out For Himself.

WATERBURY, Ont., Dec. 28.—F. X. Messler, a private banker here, has assigned. It is charged that the money deposited in his bank was used by him to pay premiums on his very heavy life insurance.

Susan Will Be There.

ROCHESTER, Dec. 28.—Miss Susan Anthony and her sister, Miss Mary Anthony, will attend the national woman suffrage convention which will begin tomorrow in Des Moines.

A Kentucky Fight.

MOUNT VERNON, Ky., Dec. 28.—In a general fight six miles from here yesterday Army Rowland and Jack Rigby were killed, and Greeley Lear was fatally shot.

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ALL THE DETECTING HE WANTED.

An Amateur Pinkerton Has His Ambition Satisfied in One Night.

After the discussion of an important arrest, stories that the subject suggested naturally followed, and this one was told by a leading business man, who would not dare to have his name accompany it: "Like the great majority of boys, I was infatuated with detective yarns, and by reading them became possessed of the idea that I had the special qualifications of a great thief taker. The practical men in this line of business did not encourage my desire to enter their ranks, but persistence is one of my characteristics, and I was given a chance as a volunteer without pay."

"Just at the time I began operations there were a number of footpads operating in the city, and I secretly determined to win my spurs at once, by rounding up these knights of the pavement. I conceived the brilliant idea of making myself up as a decoy, putting on a fine suit of clothes, plug hat, plated chain, and paste studs. Then I betook myself to the more retired portions of the city, and wandered about in search of game."

"As a decoy I was a howling success. I had just passed a dark alley when I was swiped to the earth with a sandbag, a revolver muzzle was inserted into my right ear, and I had a very misty comprehension of what was going on while being stripped of my cheap ornaments, arms and pocket-book."

"I recovered from the effects of the assault in about ten minutes, but was very shaky on my pins. This must have created the impression that I was a swell on a toot, for I was held up three times in as many blocks, and soundly thrashed each time for not having something to reward the ruffians for their trouble."

"You can be sure that the case was never reported, and all I ever said to the department was that they would have to get along without me because I had stumbled upon a much better thing. I still think I had a great scheme if the footpads had only stood in with it.—Detroit Free Press."

Orders Had to be Obeyed.

Hugh McD., a son of the Emerald Isle, who had volunteered for the United States Sixth Regiment of South Carolina Infantry, was stationed on the beach of Sullivan's Island, with strict orders to walk between two points and to let no one pass without the countersign and that to be communicated only in a whisper. Two hours afterwards the corporal, with the relief, discovered by the moonlight Hugh up to his waist in water, the tide having turned since he was posted. "Who goes there?" "Relief." "Halt, relief. Advance, corporal, and give the countersign!" "I am not going in there to be drowned. Come out here and let me relieve you." "Divil a bit of it; the lieutenant told me not to have me post!" "Well, then, I'll leave you in the water all night!"—going away as he spoke. "Halt! I'll put a hole in ye if ye pass without the countersign! Them's me orders from the lieutenant"—cocking and leveling his gun. "Confound you—everybody will hear it if I brawl it out in a whisper!" "Yes, me darlin'; and the lieutenant said it must be given in a whisper. In with ye; me fingers on the trigger, and me gun may go off." The corporal had to yield to the force of argument and made in to the faithful sentinel, who explained. "Be jabbers, it's well ye've come!" The tide has almost drowned me!"

Spanish Bride.

Pride is the birthright of almost every Spaniard, and the fact that one of the race may take up the occupation of a beggar does not shut him out from the possession of it. A traveller relates that, in alighting at an hotel in Granada, he saw a man at the door put out his hand toward him. The traveller supposed that the man was the porter of the hotel, and offered him his valise. The man stepped back, tossed his head, and frowned scornfully. "Caramba!" he exclaimed. "Do you take me for a porter? I would have you to understand that I am no porter."

Certain of Success.

"Sunday-school Teacher—"I told you last Sunday that I wished each of you would try to make at least one person happy during the week. Did you?" Boy: "Yes'm, I made grandma happy."

That is noble.

"That is noble. How did you do it?" "I went to visit her, and she's always happy when I go away."

Generously Considerate.

Magistrate—"Prisoner at the bar, you are charged with shooting the plaintiff through each ear, one foot, an elbow and along the top of his head. What have you to say?" The Prisoner—"Well, I didn't see no killin' grudge and I'm so I just shot him in the thin places round the edges, so's not to hurt him too much."

She Knew.

"Mamma," said little Mary, "what does amen mean?" "It means that you join in with what has been said, dearie—that you approve of and believe it."

Oh, yes, I know.

"Oh, yes, I know," said the little girl, "it's the opposite to nit!"—Harper's Bazar.

Equally Clear.

Note-well—Do you like opera in English? Shursen—I don't know; I never saw well what language operas are sung in. Roxbury Gazette.

THE STUBBORN SULTAN

Abdul Doesn't Relish the Idea of Dictation by the Powers.

HIS RESPONSE TO RUSSIA.

"It May Be the Last of the Caliphs, but Never a Second Khedive," Declares the Accomplished Slayer of Helpless Women and Children.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 29.—The Russian ambassador, M. de Nelidoff, on Saturday, acting in concert with the representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany and Austria, had an audience of the sultan, Abdul Hamid, one of many such interviews which have taken place within the past year on the same subject, that of insisting upon a better administration of the affairs of the Turkish empire.

The Russian diplomat began by warning the sultan and the Turkish government that if the revenues needed for the payments of the Turkish debt were touched European control of the finances of the empire would become inevitable.

M. de Nelidoff further informed Abdul Hamid that the czar guaranteed his personal safety and engaged himself to maintain the sultan's supremacy in the event of severe measures being necessary upon the part of the powers.

The sultan, however, remained obdurate so far as consenting to concede any measure of control to the powers, financial or otherwise. To this the Russian ambassador replied that the condition of the Turkish empire placed the throne and the caliphate in imminent peril.

Thereupon Abdul Hamid remarked impressively, "I may be the last of the caliphs, but I will never become a second khedive."

A Significant Note.
In addition to these warnings, M. de Nelidoff sent a note to the Turkish government and to the palace, and the utmost significance is attached to it in diplomatic circles. He pointed out in precise terms the necessity of the sultan following the advice of the powers and acting in complete agreement with their plans for improving the situation, warning him once more that the sultan's refusal to do so involves the most disagreeable consequences.

The ambassadors of the powers will meet again in order to discuss the situation and will reassemble in future twice a week until they complete their recommendations to the sultan and his advisers.

The envoys, acting together, will henceforth maintain the strictest secrecy regarding their deliberations and the action taken or contemplated and will not even inform the envoys of the other powers of the decisions reached.

These latest steps upon the part of the powers are once again reported to have produced a profound impression at the Yıldiz Kiosk, and, in pursuance of the issuing of the amnesty decree, Armenian prisoners in Asia Minor and this city and vicinity are being released daily in batches of 15.

It is announced today that the budget estimates for 1897 show that the assets exceed the expenditures by \$2,000 Turkish pounds. This result has been brought about by reducing the war estimates 1,000,000 pounds Turkish by making economies in other departments and by an increase in the titles.

McCoy Beats Doherty.
JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 29.—Kid McCoy, the American middleweight, defeated Billy Doherty of Australia in nine rounds for the middleweight championship of the world. The fight was to be 20 rounds and was for \$5,000 a side and a division of the gate receipts. Doherty, who recently defeated Tom Duggan for the championship of South Africa without getting a scratch, was completely outclassed by McCoy in cleverness. The men came together at 153 pounds. The Australian was the favorite in the betting at the start, but after the third round the betting changed to the American, who had the best of the exchanges throughout.

McCoy, who sails for England next Saturday, has challenged Ted White to make a match at \$2,500 a side.

The Russian Currency.
LONDON, Dec. 29.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Daily Telegraph says: "The scheme of M. de Witte to introduce a gold currency has been shelved, first, because the finance commission reported adversely; second, because leading financiers, political economists and the zemstvos oppose it, and finally because the czar consulted M. Melne upon the scheme, and the French premier's views were diametrically opposed to M. de Witte's project."

Clemenceau Seriously Ill.
PARIS, Dec. 29.—M. Clemenceau, the distinguished statesman, is seriously ill. He was born in 1841, founded La Justice in 1880, became the recognized leader of the Extreme Left in the chamber of deputies some time later and in 1893 ran against M. Melne for the presidency of that body, receiving 168 votes to 168 cast for the latter, who was declared elected on account of seniority.

Overtaxation of Ireland.
DUBLIN, Dec. 29.—There was a large meeting at the Mansion House this afternoon, the lord mayor presiding, to protest against the overtaxation of Ireland as disclosed by the royal commission on the financial relations between England and Ireland. The report showed that Ireland is now overtaxed to the amount of £2,750,000 (\$13,750,000) annually.

The Steamer Volo Lost.
HULL, England, Dec. 29.—The Wilson line steamship Volo is a total loss off Wingo, on the coast of Sweden. The passengers and crew were saved. The Volo was a screw steamship built at Hull in 1890 and registering 5149 tons net and 1,289 tons gross. She was 260 feet long, had 32 feet beam and was 16½ feet deep.

M. Hanotaux's Plans.
PARIS, Dec. 29.—M. Hanotaux, the minister for foreign affairs, is passing the holidays at Hyeres, 12 miles from Toulon. He will make several changes in the diplomatic service on his return to this city.

Destroyed by a Land Slip.
ROME, Dec. 29.—A land slip has entirely destroyed the village of Santa Anna de Pelago, demolishing 118 houses and rendering 150 families homeless.

All on Board Drowned.
MALAGA, Dec. 29.—A fishing smack belonging to this place has been wrecked, drowning 12 men and several children—all who were on board.

AN AWFUL DEATH LIST.

The Railroad Disaster in Alabama Was Caused by Train Wreckers.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 29.—It is now thought that the list of fatalities from yesterday's railroad disaster at the Cahaba river bridge may reach 35. Men are still working at the ruins, and it is expected that today's search will reveal more dead bodies. Twenty-seven are known to have been killed.

Many of the bodies will never be identified, as they are charred beyond recognition. Those identified so far are Frank White, engineer, who leaves a wife and four children; Bruce Phillips, Blockton, merchant; George S. Williams, Brookwood mineforeman; L. W. Martin, Brookwood, merchant; Mrs. H. M. Hanbury, Birmingham, and two children; James Belling, Guthrie, Ky., express messenger; A. P. Connell, Birmingham, conductor, who leaves a wife and two children; W. E. Webb, residence unknown, identified by his watch engraved with that name.

The disaster occurred on the Birmingham Mineral railroad, which has a record of more bad accidents than any other road of its size in the country. The train, crowded with men, women and children, left Birmingham at 8:30 o'clock. It reached the Cahaba river bridge two hours later. The bridge was a ponderous wooden structure with an iron span of 200 feet in the center. Just at the turning of the ironwork train wreckers had pulled the spikes and removed one of the rails.

When the engineer discovered this, as was evident from the position of his throttle and reverse lever, he immediately attempted to stop, but was running at such a rate of speed as to carry down the bridge, and the train fell 60 feet. Every evidence showed that train wreckers had been at work.

As soon as news was received here both the Louisville and Nashville and Southern railroads sent out relief trains loaded with physicians and others, and everything possible was done for those who had been fortunate enough to get out of the reach of the flames, which quickly consumed all of the coaches and a part of the bridge.

To cap the climax, one of the relief trains which left here ran into the rear end of the wrecking train, which was stopped about 150 feet from the bridge, and came near knocking it on top of the burning train.

In this accident the following were injured: Sam Eastis and William Rust were fatally injured, Wood Campbell, Charles E. Stone and John Rittenbury were badly hurt.

The water in the river was only three feet deep. The cars piled on top of each other in the bed of the stream, and the stoves soon set fire to the wreck. It was a long time before any attempt at rescue was made. A farmer of the neighborhood heard the cries of the wounded and hurried to the river, but could do nothing alone. He went to Hargrave station, a mile away, and relief trains were sent out.

THE GRANT MONUMENT.

President McKinley and Cabinet Will Attend the Dedication.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—At the suggestion of General Horace Porter, president of the Grant Monument Association, the board of estimates today appropriated the sum of \$50,000 to pay the expenses attending the dedication of the Grant monument on April 27 next. The money is to be expended under the direction of the mayor and board of estimate and not by a special committee.

In his statement to the board General Porter said that the ceremonies should be under the direction of the city authorities, as the dedication of the monument is to be distinctly a city affair. He said that the association would turn over the monument to the city on the day of the dedication, and then its official connection with the ceremonies would end. He recalled the fact that when the city requested that the body of General Grant be buried in this city a pledge was made that a suitable monument should be erected.

General Porter then told some interesting facts about the work. He said that the total cost of the monument will be \$600,000, the largest sum ever raised by popular subscription for such a purpose. All of this money, except \$18,000, he said, has been contributed by citizens of New York and its environs, ranging from 1 cent to \$5,000.

General Porter said that it was the duty of the city to insure the dedication of the monument, regardless of cost. He said that the city of Paris spent \$2,000,000 to prepare a tomb for the body of Napoleon and \$100,000 for the expenses of removing his remains from St. Helena. He also called the attention of the board to the fact that the city spent \$50,000 entertaining the infant of Spain.

The general said that President Elect McKinley has agreed to be present at the ceremony and that all the members of the cabinet, the diplomatic corps, the legislative governors of states and ministers of all large cities ought to be invited. It would be necessary, he said, to build a large platform and seats for invited guests. There must be provided a distinguished group of entertainers.

He said that the government would invite all nations maintaining fleets in the Atlantic to send ships to join in the naval review and to the ceremonies. He suggested that \$50,000 would be a small sum to erect a monument to what he believed would be the grandest function of the kind ever held in the country.

There was no objection by any member of the board, and on motion of the controller, the sum of \$50,000 was appropriated.

Part of the Village of Powder Mill Burned.

WATERLOO, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The village of Powder Mill was visited by a disastrous fire, resulting in the destruction of \$65,000 worth of property. The fire started in Wilson's meat market on Main street. The fire engine was disabled, and the hydrants were frozen, so that the flames had gained good headway before a stream was on the burning structure. The fire spread rapidly and carried away a large part of the business part of the village.

Cole to Succeed Beardsley.

ALBANY, Dec. 29.—The resignation of Samuel W. Beardsley as railroad commissioner, now in the hands of the governor, took effect today, and tomorrow Governor Morton will appoint Ashley W. Cole as his successor. Governor Black will respect the appointment, and the senate has agreed to confirm Colonel Cole for the full term of five years. Colonel Cole is the private secretary of Governor Morton.

American Economic Association.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 29.—The ninth annual meeting of the American Economic association began at the Johns Hopkins university and will continue three days. The programme has been arranged so as to provide for more general discussion than usual, and to these sessions the public is invited.



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

George Cleveland, Jr., John H. Cleveland, William Cleveland, Arthur Cleveland and Celia Cleveland,

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 1895 by the inhabitants of the Town of Norwalk, regularly and legally assembled, to wit, on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1895, met for the purpose of providing for the indigence of said town, levies upon the following described real estate of said George Cleveland, Jr., John H. Cleveland, William Cleveland, Arthur Cleveland and Celia Cleveland, situated in town of Norwalk, five equal undivided one-sixth parts of that certain piece or parcel of land at North Norwalk so called, with the buildings thereon standing being about 150 feet in front and rear, and bounded northerly and southerly by Silvermine River and westerly by highway, and being lots 23, 24 and 25 on a map on file in Town Clerk's office known as a map of building lots of S. R. P. Camp in North Norwalk.

And I shall sell at Public Auction, on the premises hereinafter described, on the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock a.m. so much thereof as will raise the sum of Two Dollars and Seventy-five Cents, that being the proportion of said George Cleveland, Jr., John H. Cleveland, William Cleveland, Arthur Cleveland and Celia Cleveland of the sum total in said list, together with the charges of levy, sale, etc.

GEORGE E. ST. JOHN, Tax Collector, List 1895. Dated at Norwalk December 29th, 1896.

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And I shall sell at Public Auction on the premises hereinafter described, on the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1897, at 10:15 o'clock a.m. so much thereof as will raise the sum of Two Dollars and Seventy-five Cents, that being the proportion of the said George Cleveland, Jr., John H. Cleveland, William Cleveland, Arthur Cleveland and Celia Cleveland of the sum total in said list, together with the charges of levy, sale, etc.

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