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SHARK meat is openly sold in the Havana fish market.

N MONTANA a great many miners receive $4.50 a day.

FARRIGON, the novelist, is a son-in-law of Joseph Jefferson, the actor.

HERBERT SPENCER is living in retirement at Brighton, England, writing his autobiography.

THE Chinese minister recently called on the president with his jade ring, a charm against all evil influences.

THE first temperance society in this country was organized in Saratoga county, New York, in March, 1808.

MR. CHARLES STEWART PARNELL is said to receive more letters and to answer less than any other man in Europe.

MUNKACSY, the Hungarian artist, says the white house is "one of the most beautiful and artistic buildings in the world."

MR. GAY, of Louisiana, one of the mill owners of the house of representatives, has about $1,500,000 invested in sugar plantations.

LADY CAITHNESS, duchess of Pomar, is the editor of a new review in Paris called *L'Aurore du Jour Nouveau*, a review that touches questions philosophical and religious.

M. MASPERO, professor of Egyptology at the College de France, and late keeper of the Bulak museum at Cairo, has been elected an honorary fellow of Queen's college, Oxford.

MISS MABEL WRIGHT is the latest discovered professional beauty in New York. She is described as the fair est blonde imaginable, with light hair, blue eyes, and exquisite color.

IT is not every day that men-of-war are named after literary men. Admiral Aube, the French minister of marine, has just named the first gunboat of a new type the Gabriel Charmes.

THE stretch of desert lying between Palisade and Wells is not dead as by far the coldest map on in Nevada, thermometers frequently marking a temperature of 50 degrees below zero.

IT was proposed about a year ago that a medallion of Sir Walter Scott should be placed in the poets' corner of Westminster abbey, but thus far only $200 has been contributed. Nearly $1,300 is needed.

A NEW YORK housekeeper writes that she has a maid-servant now working for $14 a month who has several thousand dollars in railroad stock, which she has accumulated. She reads the news, dresses well, and does good work, from scrubbing to cooking or sewing.

A PITTSBURGH natural-gas company is the largest one in the country. It supplies over four hundred manufactories and over seven thousand dwellings with the entire amount of fuel consumed. The total area of pipe leading into Pittsburgh is given as 1,341,602 square inches.

QUEEN VICTORIA wishes all her family to be in England during the coming jubilee celebration next year. Hence the duke and duchess of Edinburgh and Prince George of Wales are coming home from Malta at the end of May, 1887, and the duke and duchess of Connaught will return from India for a couple of months.

THREE citizens of Stamford, Conn., Messrs. W. H. Hoyt, C. E. Hill, and J. C. Cabot, recently sent to Mr. Gladstone a testimonial ax, made of the pith of the aboriginal food plant of America, Indian corn. "I beg to thank you," the illustrious statesman wrote in an autographic letter of acknowledgment, for another of those marks of regard proceeding from your country, on which I set so high a value."

The oldest man in Modoc county, California, is "Tale Dad," aged 100 years. In crossing the plains all of his relatives were massacred by the Indians, and he became a veritable "Injun fighter." It is said that he still can handle his rifle and ride his horse with as much agility as many men who are young enough to be his great-grandsons. He is a great tobacco-chewer. He acquired the habit ninety years ago and has adhered to it ever since.

HAND-SHAKING is an obsolete custom in London drawing-rooms, and for some time past it has been the fashion not to introduce persons. The proper form of acknowledging an introduct on when made is for the lady to give the least nod of her head to the left and not in front, as used to be the old, graceful style. In this country, where it has become the fashion to extend these customs, the same unsociability prevails in the company.

ONE of the latest sensations in Washington has been caused by the a ngular method adopted by Gen. R. E. Colston, of the surgeon general's office, to reduce his too solid flesh which at one time threatened to make him a fat man come a burden instead of a pleasure. Since the 27th of November he has taken no food but a teaspoonful of a liquid concoction three times a day. This concoction, which is prepared according to the method of the Italian Succi, is composed of milk, sherry, and such other ingredients as will enable the system of the patient to sustain itself with the least possible amount of waste substance. Since adopting the treatment Gen. Colston has lost twenty-five pounds of flesh, and states that it is entirely satisfactory, inasmuch as he no longer has the desire for solid food, save when an unusually savory odor greets him in passing some restaurant.

An Innocent Brakeman.

In the case of Wells, the brakeman held for murder, in having caused the wreck at Ashtabula, Ohio, October 8, in which 92 lives were lost, the jury, after being out 15 minutes, returned a verdict declaring the defendant not guilty.

STATE NEWS.

The annual meeting of the Michigan Salt association was held in East Saginaw. The association received 4,426,000 barrels of salt and sold 2,683,989 barrels. Directors were elected from the several districts in the state as follows: Thomas Cranage, J. L. Dodge, J. H. Hall, H. Miller, Selwyn Eddy, W. H. Burt, J. A. Whistler, W. J. Barlow, George F. Williams, Earn Trust F. C. Stone, J. S. Thomson, W. B. Brainard, W. R. Stafford, Greene Pack, John Canfield, John Thomas, R. E. Peters and F. J. Dowland. The old officers were re-elected with W. R. Stafford president.

The case of the Benton Harbor plow company vs. the Cincinnati, Wabash & Michigan railroad company has just ended in the St. Joseph circuit, after a long and closely contested trial. The plaintiffs claimed that Dec. 1st, 1883, a locomotive was run past their plow factory and that sparks from the engine set fire to their shops, which were consumed, with a resulting loss of $23,000 in machinery and stock. The railroad claimed that they used reasonable diligence. There had been two trials and two disagreements in the Berrien circuit. This time the jury returned a verdict of no cause of action.

John Matthews was found dead in bed at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Nichols, in Belding the other morning. He had but recently come to this country from England.

The commercial iron mining company, with a capital of $2,000,000, has been organized in Negaunee. The principal office will be in Hancock.

Miss Ida Cone, a dress maker of Brighton, was found dead in her room. It is supposed she took the contents of the hand grenade, an empty bottle being found in her room.

The tunnel under the river at Port Huron is going ahead. The shaft is down 50 feet on the Canadian side and work from it on the tunnel is being begun. Nearly as much progress on this side.

Thomas W. Hewitt, a pensioner, who drew $72 per month for total blindness, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Barlow, in Flat Rock. He was 80 years old, recently, at the age of 84.

At the January session of the Ontonagon county circuit court one Richard Nichols was summoned as a witness, appeared in the morning and was all ready to testify in the afternoon when called. The judge gave him 30 days in jail, but when it was found that he had been gotten drunk by the defendants in the case the sentence was reduced to three days.

In the past two years the members of the state board of charities have held 32 meetings and 150 visits have been made to jails.

John Powers, an old resident of Armada, aged 87, dropped dead while out for a walk. Some of his neighbors saw him fall and hastened to his aid, but it was too late.

A little son of James H. Baker of Bay City was run over last November by a Flint & Pere Marquette train and had his leg cut off above the knee. The father has commenced suit against the railroad company for $50,000 damages.

The State Railway Breeders' association met in Lansing recently and elected the following officers: President, R. B. Carnes, St. Johns; vice president, L. B. Townsend, Ionia; secretary and treasurer, H. G. Hall, Lapeer. They strongly favor the "Miller bill."

Assistant United States District Attorney Adsit has in his possession an old battered copper cent which he treasures more than if it were pure gold. He discovered it while driving on the government road north of White Cloud. The coin bears the date of 1742 and the profile of George the Second, above which are seen plainly cut the letters "George II., Rex." With out doubt the coin was once the property of an English trader before the Declaration of Independence was signed, and was given by him doubtless to some painted, howling Indian in exchange for furs.—*Muskegon Chronicle.*

Frederick Lamond, who lives at Kalamazoo, and has been visiting in Windsor, Ont., for the past few months, dropped dead of heart disease in that city a few days ago. Deceased was aged about 60.

Kalamazoo parties have organized a new paper company with a capital of $150,000, and will commence building a large mill at Otsego as soon as the weather opens. The name of the organization will be the Bardeen paper company; George E. Bardeen president.

Marquette and Houghton companies will send several million dollars capital into the Gogebic region next season. Experienced miners declare that the region is rich in minerals, and is one of the most substantial firms and corporations in the upper peninsula are investing largely.

The Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railroad company is in process of organization as Charlevoix, and articles of incorporation will soon be filed with the secretary of state. The terminal points will be Charlevoix and Muskegon, a distance of seventy miles, via, Ironton, East Jordan and Mancelona. The capital stock is $600,000.

Miss Julia Jones of East Saginaw, he rests to considerable property, the other day announced Wm. H. Nelson, clerk of the Bancroft house as the successor of her father, Rev. F. Noble officiating. Nelson has suffered severely for years from an aortic aneurism, and has been waiting for the end, hence the increase in the number of vows.

Levi Truesdell, one of the oldest merchants in Muskegon, died on the 18th inst., of a complication of diseases. A few hours later his son, Fred, teller in the Muskegon national bank, also expired. Mrs. Mills, daughter of Mr. Levi Truesdell, is not expected to live but a few days, at the most.

A telegram from Dakota, announces the loss in a blizzard of C. B. Buck and son Herman of Sycamore, Ill., Mr. Davis, at whose house they were visiting.

Wm. A. Doyle of Kalamazoo, has brought suit for $5,000 damages against H. Dessenburg & Co., for not allowing him to practice their business in Kalamazoo, building, which cost $25,000. Doyle claims that he should have been awarded the contract as he was the lowest bidder.

The annual meeting of the Northeastern Beekeepers' association will take place at Bay City, February 2.

Mrs. Wiley of Laingsburg, while walking on the track was run over and had both legs cut off above the knees.

Charles Walters was killed in a lumber camp near Cheboygan the other day. He is the third member of his family killed by accidents.

Ernest Minkley was cut in two by the cars near Rodney.

Chas. Wixtrom, janitor of the city hall in St. Johns, fell down the stairs and broke his skull, dying instantly.

Palmer Sears, a brother of Senator Conger will be appointed a member of the inter-state commerce commission at a salary of $7,500 per annum.

Joseph Sheldon, and old and much respected citizen of St. Ignace, met a horrible death by being thrown from the head by a large fly wheel of a wood sawing machine. He was instantly killed.

Grass Lake, Jackson county, had a $10,000 fire on the 20th inst.

Nearly $200 worth of clothing was stolen from Frank Eggleston's clothing house in Jackson the other night.

Mrs. Maiden of Dollas, aged 65, was naturalized as a citizen of the United States at the last session of the Presque Isle circuit court.

Reported that the supervisors of Ontonagon county have agreed upon a division of the county.

Duncan City, Cheboygan county, had a $25,000 fire on the 21st inst.

The Berea mine near Republic has been sold to a Minneapolis syndicate for $27,000.

The matter of establishing a factory for the purpose of inducing manufacturers to locate upon it in Sturgis is agitated by the business men of that town.

Capt. John Spalding, superintendent of the St. Mary's Falls canal, died at Sault Ste. Marie on the 18th. He was one of the best known men on the lakes.

James Wheeler of Stanton wants to establish a furniture factory at Edmore, and the citizens will vote upon the proposition to issue $1,000 bonds. The election will take place January 25.

There are 54 logging railroads in Michigan.

John Perkins of Royal Oak, who went to Dearborn Springs, Ill., for his health, was drowned there on the 18th inst.

Daniel Hadley, who killed Doughty Taylor of East Chatta, Berrien county, last October, plead guilty to manslaughter when arraigned. A fine of $100 will be offered, setting forth extenuating circumstances.

The annual report of the state agricultural college, including the state experimental farm, government land, swamp lands, etc., cost $4,000 last year. The cost of the complete library, which was increased during the past year, 1,154 volumes.

At a recent meeting of the state board of health an address was read by the president, the chief feature of which was the sewage in cities which have no sewerage system and in rural communities. It urged upon the board the importance of taking some action in the matter. The subject of a model school building was also discussed.

The Michigan dairymen's association will meet in Flint February 15-16-17.

Now that the perplexing question of a site for the new government building in Detroit has been settled, work on the plans has been resumed. The supervising architect says the building will be one of the finest in the country.

Dr. Edward Dorsche, a prominent citizen of Monroe, dropped dead while sitting in his office. He had been a resident of Monroe over 50 years. For some weeks he had been in failing health, but continued in practice and answered calls only the day before his death.

Engineer Gerrish, who was injured in the railroad accident at County Line, near East Saginaw, on the 12th, has brought suit for $50,000, has been awarded $22,000.

Mason is agitating a new railroad, a short branch of the Michigan Central railroad from there to Dexter.

There is now 465 patients at the Northern Michigan insane asylum. All but twelve in the male wards are now full except seven.

Marcellus ladies have $<0.21 in the bank, with which they propose to put a monument in that place to the unknown dead.

The employes of the Calumet & Hecla mining company have a fund from which the aid of the sick and wounded and for burying the dead, the company giving an equal amount with the men. Last year 700 were aided from the fund and five death losses of $500 each were paid.

Jone-ville's cotton mill will be in operation early in the spring.

A new iron mining company has been organized to be known as the commercial iron mining company. The capital is $3,000,000, divided among 80,000 shares. The company owns the west half of the southeast quarter of section 11, 47-43, near Sunday Lake, on the Gogebic range, and has already been sunk on the property to a depth of 70 feet and a cross-cut driven 60 feet in the mixed ore. The officers are: President, J. Q. Adams of Marquette; vice-president, Seth D. North; secretary, M. R. Goldsworthy; treasurer, D. Kirchner.

Mrs. David Bowen of Black Lake, Cheboygan county, started to go to the camp where her husband was employed. When about half a mile from the house she saw his dog coming towards her. Later he drawing her revolver she fired three times, killing a wolf at each time. The remaining two made such a demonstration that their fallen companions that Mrs Bowen escaped.

J. C. Newland, formerly of Kalamazoo, was shot and killed a few days ago at Steele, Fla., by Frank Johnson, a fellow who was suspected of undue intimacy with Mrs. Newland.

Grand Rapids people are signing a petition asking congress to pension the widows of deceased government officers.

Every one of Michigan's representatives in congress voted for the inter state commerce bill.

The treasury department has refused to grant the request of R. G. Head, president of the international range association, asking the issuance of an order prohibiting the importation of cattle into the United States from foreign countries where contagious diseases exist.

Hon. C. S. Farwell has been elected to succeed the late Gen. Logan in the United States senate. California, Maine, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Delaware and Missouri voted for senators the same day.

Lieut.-Gen. Sheridan has issued an order announcing that the army the death of Gen. Hazen, describing his distinguished services and recounting the offices of his corps to wear the usual badge of mourning for sixty days.

Prof. J. Youmans, the distinguished lecturer and editor of Popular Science Monthly, is dead.

The prohibition state central committee met in Lansing on the 20th inst, and decided not to hold their state convention in Lansing, Feb. 24. The basis of representation will be ten delegates to each representative district. The following committee was appointed to act with the temperance people in the event of a joint convention: Samuel Dickie, Albion; J. R. Laing, Ann A. B. Cole, Ypsilanti; Robert King, Lapeer; E. B. Sutton, Adrian.

Irving Field, son of a highly respected Cass City family, has been appointed sheriff Cook, charged with forgery in Dakota, and is in jailat Howell. He went to Dakota four years ago with but has lived at home for the past year.

The great international bridge at Sault Ste. Marie will be 2,500 feet long, with 350-foot spans, and will cost a round million of dollars. It will be built of iron, and must be ready for trains by Jan. 1, 1888. Bids for its construction are now being advertised for.

John Green of Saginaw City dropped dead the other day.

Eggs sell for 40 cents a dozen at the Sault.

DETROIT MARKETS.

WHEAT, White	$ 84	@ 85
WHEAT, Red	84	@ 85
CORN per bu	38½	@ 42
OATS per bu	31	@ 32
BARLEY	10	@ 15
WOOL per lb	2 15	@ 2 25
CLOVER SEED per kg	4 65	@ 4 70
FLOUR per barrel	3 00	@ 3 25
BUCKWHEAT FLOUR per cwt	2 00	@ 2 25
Michigan patent	4 25	@ 4 50
Michigan straight roller	4 00	@ 4 25
Minnesota patent	4 75	@ 5 00
Minnesota bakers'	3 75	@ 4 25
Minnesota rye per bu	53	@ 54
APPLES, Green per bu	25	@ 30
BEANS, Picked	1 37	@ 40
BEANS, Unpicked	75	@ 1 05
BUTTER, Creamery	22	@ 30
BUTTER	19	@ 20
CARROTS per 100	1 75	@ 2 00
CIDER per gal	10	@ 12
CRANBERRIES, per bu	1 75	@ 2 50
CHEESE, per lb	12	@ 13
DRIED APPLES, per bu	4	@ 6½
DRESSED HOGS, per cwt	5 25	@ 5 50
EGGS, per doz	29	@ 30
HONEY, per lb	10	@ 12
HOPS	32	@ 38
HAY, per ton, clover	9 00	@ 9 00
Timothy	9 00	@10 00
MALT, per bu	80	@ 85
ONIONS, per bbl	2 75	@ 3 00
POTATOES, per bu	40	@ 45
POUTRY, Turkeys, per lb	7	@ 8
Geese	9	@ 10
Turkeys	9	@ 10
Ducks	10	@ 12
Hoosters, lb	3	@ 6
PROVISIONS, Mess Pork	12 50	@12 75
Family	12 75	@13 00
Lard	7	@ 7½
Hams	10	@ 10½
Shoulders	6	@ 6½
Bacon	8	@ 8½
Tallow per lb	3	@ 3½

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Market steady and a ha'e strong; shipping steers, of 950 to 1,5 0 lb $3 50@3 65; choice and feeders, $2 60@3 60; cows, bulls and mixed, strong; $1 50@3 75; bulk, $2 40@2 80. Texas cattle, $2 25@3 25.

HOGS—Market active and 10c higher; rough and mixed at $4 20@4 35; packing and shipping, $4 30@4 40; light, $4 30@4 45; skips, $4 30@4 85.

SHEEP—Market steady; natives, $2 50@4 90; western, $3 75@4 60; Texans, $3 40@4; lambs, $4 10@5 65. The Drovers' Journal Chicago telegraphs by from Kansas City that supplies of cattle, and prices are lower; best American only marketing 1½.

Sold Robbers.

As the Pacific express was going out of the depot at Bordeau, six miles west of Fort Worth, Texas, two masked and armed men climbed on the engine and ordered the engineer and fireman with their revolvers. The engineer was forced to pull ahead till the train reached a high trestle two miles east of Gordon. As soon as the train was stopped the mail cars had passed over the trestle the train stopped, and the two passenger coaches on the trestle.

At this point the masked men were reinforced by six assistants. The robbers then went through the express car, taking all the money and valuables in the safe, the amount being estimated at from $2,000 to $3,000. The officials of the Pacific express officials refuse to state the exact amount lost. The robbers then proceed to the mail car, where they obtained twenty-eight registered packages.

The passengers were not disturbed, and their coaches being on the high trestle they were unable to see which way the train men. There is no clue to the robbers.

A Fiendish Murder.

Gov. Lowe has issued a requisition for the return of D. H. Van Leuven of Lincoln county, to Arkansas, on a charge of fiendish murder. Van Leuven and Thomas Ross formerly lived in Michigan, and moved to Prairie county, Ark. Ross' house and barn were burned last fall, and he intimated that Van Leuven was the incendiary. Ross left home to go to Little Rock on business, and he borrowed a gun and bought shot on Dec. 11 last. Ross was afterward found literally riddled with bullets and shot and there was no trace of the murderer. Van Leuven left home with the gun bought by Van Leuven. The latter disappeared and was arrested in Lincoln county by Sheriff Rheinhart and arrested.

The Unprotected South.

A circular has been issued by the coast defense association of southern coast cities. It is signed by prominent citizens of all the coast cities of the south and refers with alarm the unprotected condition of their cities. It recommends that a convention be held in Hot Springs, Ark., or Punlak Springs, Fla., to be attended by delegates from coast states, besides cattle men from other states interested in the

LEGISLATIVE DOINGS.

And Items of Interest from the State Capital.

LANSING, January 26, '87.

During the past week a perfect avalanche of bills was introduced, very few of which are at all important or will probably ever be heard from again. The most far-reaching one seems to establish a uniform system of text books for the state. Others call for $50,000 to finish the capitol decorations, and $200,000 for the state university; wash prison made goods stamped, and ask for an establishment of a home for the sanitary commission. Others of general interest provide for the inspection of illuminating oils in order that purity as well as freedom from risk of explosion may be secured; provide for the appointment of deputy sheriffs of others than citizens of the county in question and regulating the business of pawnbrokers.

The senate convened again on Monday evening, with barely a quorum. Both the senate and house adjourned and the president pro tem. were among the absentees. The single item of business transacted was the laying on the table of the joint resolution providing for a select committee to investigate newspaper insinuations against the soldiers' home at Grand Rapids.

The house met, but the same state of affairs existed as in the senate—barely enough members being present for the transaction of business.

Hardly had the chaplain's amen been spoken yesterday morning, when a call of the state with reference to the raising of a fund for a monument to be presented to the Number of names on each petition range from 50 to 100, and include the names of persons from every section of the state.

The most important event in legislative circles last week was the election of a new United States senator to succeed Senator Stockbridge, and five votes were cast for him in the house. The final ballot stood: Stockbridge, 54; Burrell, 49. The day following the election in joint session of the two houses and the Hon. Francis B. Stockbridge was duly declared to have been chosen for the full term of six years from the 4th of March, 1887. The result of the vote in each house was announced by President pro tem. Monroe of the senate, who presided over the joint convention.

In committee of the whole the house passed the Brown bill for the suppression of the infamous dance houses of the upper peninsula. Mr. Brown, the author of the bill, made an eloquent and effective argument depicting the horrors of the system by which young girls are enticed into the dance houses of the mining camps under false pretences, and then compelled to give themselves up to lives of shame, and very graphically described the method of closing the unfortunate victims who escaped, by putting dogs on their trails. The bill, as passed by the house, provides with five years' imprisonment any person connected with these dens.

In reply to the request upon Gov. Luce from the president of the Chicago exposition congress asking him to name some prominent person from Michigan to whom money a tree might be dedicated in the circle around the great spring representing the American union, the governor selected Zachariah Chandler and said, in his reply, that Michigan would be highly honored and complimented by this action of the southern forestry congress.

One of the afternoon sessions of the house last week was devoted to the special order of the memorial services in honor of the late Gen. Ord. Several effective and eulogistic of the character and virtues of the deceased were delivered, resolutions were introduced and adopted, and the whole order printed in the journals of the house. A yet more substantial method of testifying to the worth and usefulness of the deceased soldier and statesman, the widow the deceased member's salary promptly prevailed.

The bill introduced at the beginning of the present session to punish Bohemian sugar rascals and other swindlers in cereals has been duly reported and will undoubtedly become a law as the prevailing sentiment seems to be in favor of protecting such of our rural community as are sufficiently gullible to be taken in by these agents. A number of petitions have been presented praying for the passage of the bill.

Hardly has the legislature got nicely settled at work ere the question as to the probable length of the session arises. Here is what Clerk Crossman says: The legislature this year is getting down to business about as usual. The bills will about to be in by February 27—the end of the 50 days' limit. In the last two days about 300 bills will be introduced, and that's my experience. This week the legislature will work through Saturday morning and will begin again Monday morning. On Friday afternoon the members will get off to the Alger reception, and will not get together again till the next Monday night. Into the second week in February will be devoted to visiting the different state institutions. After they get back the members will be ready to begin at 9 o'clock in the morning and have a working session. Things go just about the same session after session.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

He Recommends a Constitutional Centennial Celebration.

President Cleveland has sent the following message to congress:

To the Senate and House of Representatives;

As a matter of national interest and one coming within the executive province of congress, I transmit the accompanying memorial of the executive committee of the sub-constitutional centennial committee proposing to celebrate the 17th of September, 1887, in the city of Philadelphia, as the day upon which and the place where the convention that framed our federal constitution concluded their labors and subscribed the instrument which united the thirteen states then composing the United States.

The epoch was one of the deepest interest, and the events well worthy of commemoration. It is true that each state acted independently in giving its adhesion to the national compact, but in relation to the celebration of the close of the first century of popular government under a written constitution has already been suggested, and which appears to have for its interest I share in the renewed examination by the American people of the historical foundation of our political state for the fact warranted in discriminating in favor of a more comprehensive celebration of one day or place in preference to all others, and therefore content myself at this time by joining to congress these expressions of popular feeling and interest upon the subject hoping that in a spirit of patriotic cooperation, rather than of local competition, fitting measures may be enacted by congress which will give the amplest opportunity all over the United States for the manifestation of the affection and confidence of a free and mighty nation in the institutions of a great century of which they are the fortunate inheritors and under which unexampled prosperity has been enjoyed by all classes and conditions in our social system.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, Jan. 18, 1887.

In Defence of the Chinese.

Advices from British Columbia state that a telegraphic dispatch has been received by the provincial government of Victoria from the imperial government to the effect that the Chinese must be allowed to enjoy the same unrestricted privileges as other people in the province and must not be interfered with. Unless some action is taken by the province it is made that the imperial government will be compelled to disallow the British Columbia Pacific railway. The communication further states that it is the desire of Lord Salisbury that the Chinese be on possible terms with China, as in event of war with Russia it would be of the greatest importance not to disturb the friendly feeling now existing between China and Great Britain. The same intimation was given to the Dominion government at the time they put the Chinese immigration bill through parliament.

An Icy Ride.

About 600 persons were scattered over the ice on Lake Erie near Buffalo the other afternoon when it began to break up in blocks. The people made frantic efforts to get ashore, but many were frightened from terra firma were caught on floating cakes of ice which continued from one to fifty persons each. All managed to jump from cake to cake except eight, who were carried out into the lake. One man is reported missing.

Important.

When you visit or leave New York City you should remember that Dearborn, Harrison, and Pine at the Grand Union Hotel opposite Grand Central Depot.

Elegant rooms fitted up at the cost of one million dollars, $1 and upwards per day. Horse cars, Elevated railroad, stages supplied with the best. Horse cars, stages and elevated railroad by all depots. Families can live better for less money at the Grand Union Hotel than at any other first-class hotel in this city.

HOME NEWS.

J. J. Upchurch of St. Louis, Mo., the founder of Ancient Order of Gleaners of Women, is dead. A monument is to be erected to his memory in St. Louis.

Thomas Taylor, late receiver of public moneys in East Saginw, against whom the government began suit for $50,000 for alleged shortage in accounts, has received notice from the treasury department that an investigation of his accounts show them to be balanced, and suit is ordered discontinued without cost to the defendant.

The managers of the soldier's home deny the stories that are being circulated concerning cruelty and neglect toward the inmates.

Ex-Senator A. S. Paddock has been elected Senator from Nebraska, to succeed Senator Van Wyck.

Shoe lasters in Worcester, Mass., are on a strike.

The strike of the Lake Shore switchmen at Toledo is ended.

Simpson Harris of Washington township, Putnam county, Ind., is dead, aged 106. He was a native of North Carolina, and that voted for Jefferson for president in 1801. He was a veteran of the war of 1812.

The house of Calvin Bass, in Kershaw county, S. C., has been destroyed by an incendiary fire. Bass' wife who was sick in bed, and her two small children perished in the flames. Bass is suspected of having fired the house.

It is said that as congress has no time at this session to reorganize the signal service of the army, placing it under the department, as contemplated, Lieut. Greely will remain at the head, at any rate. He is fully competent to take Gen. Hazen's place.

Mrs. James Cabalek of Cleveland, in a fit of despondency induced by ill health, murdered six of her family of eight children, and then committed suicide.

Secretary Bayard recommends that the widow of Moses A. Hopkins, minister to Liberia, be paid an amount equal to that usually allowed to the heirs of United States ministers who die during said incumbency in office.

In the trial of Prof. DeLeon at New York, who is charged with sending girls to Panama for immoral purposes, the accused was found guilty, and was given fifteen years' imprisonment.

The lower house of the Illinois assembly has passed a bill appropriating $5,000 for a monument to Gen. Logan.

The Rev. Mr. Duncan, a British Columbia clergyman, is in Washington trying to obtain permission for a tribe of civilized Indians from that province to cross across the border and occupy a reservation there. The Indians have been induced to leave by the Canadian land office which has sold the lands occupied by them for 30 years. The tribe numbers 1,000, and is engaged profitably in salmon exporting.

Six thousand bales of cotton were burned in Memphis, Tenn., on the 22d inst. at a loss of $275,000.

Michael Ferano, was frozen to death in the jail at Scranton, Pa., recently.

Dr. George Patterson, once the leading physician of Beloit, Wis., has been in the jail for 30 days as a vagrant. A too free use of cocaine caused his ruin.

Lieut. W. H. Emory wants to go on an Arctic expedition, but Secretary Whitney will advise his course.

Senator Spooner takes Gen. Logan's place on the committee on privileges and elections.

Lieut. Greely will remain at the head of the signal service for some time, and may be permanently, to succeed Gen. Hazen.

The widow of the late Allen Pinkerton died in Chicago recently.

Rain fell in the drought-stricken district of Texas on the 22d inst. for the first time since last December.

Milwaukee and Chicago have been fleeced by agents taking orders for an alleged life of Gen. Logan, purporting to be written by the G. A. R. They received advertising for the work.

Charles McCaffrey, a foreman in the universal rubber company's works at Hoboken, tore up a number of pictures of a rage and was arrested. Over 400 men and girls struck in consequence.

Gen. Charles P. ..... the American, who was so conspicuous for his services in the Egyptian army, is dead.

The warden of the penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., acting upon the advice of the attorney general, released Frank Wittrock and Haight to go to St. Louis to testify for Fotheringham.

An explosion occurred in a bar mill near Alleghany City, Pa., and the fireman was literally torn to shreds.

Sadie Hays, the negress who shot and killed Police Sergeant Jenks in St. Louis on the 8th of October, 1885, has just been sentenced to 99 years in the penitentiary.

Mrs. H. L. Ross of Fern City, Pa., went into a neighbor's on an errand the other morning, leaving her four children, the eldest 8 years old, and the youngest toddling to walk, alone in the house. When she returned the house was in flames. All efforts to rescue the little ones were futile and they were burned to death.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The bark Caterina, from Cardiff for Apiluwall, has foundered in Bristol Channel. Twelve persons were drowned.

Two German spies have been arrested at Lyons, France, for attempting to bribe a French soldier into obtaining the plans of of the new repeating rifles with which the French army is being armed.

The Prince of Wales, the general master mason of England, has consented to the formation of an Anglo-American lodge in England for the purpose of affording to Americans in England the facilities of the order.

France is quietly, but very persistently making preparations for military operations on the German frontier.

The Bulgarian question is still the cause of contention between the European powers.

Henry M. Stanley is flooded with applications from men who want to join his expedition for the relief of Emil Bey.

Stanley sailed for Africa on the 25d inst. He goes first to Brindsi, thence to Suez.

An entire family in Portsmouth, N. H., was poisoned by eating canned corn beef. The mother and two children died.

A statue of the first Aztec emperor, Guatamozin, will be unveiled in the city of Mexico with imposing ceremonies on the 26th of February.

A cry of fire was raised during a performance in a music hall in London on the 18th, and during the panic which ensued 17 persons were killed.

At the opening of the Russian new year, Emperor Francis Joseph sent a message to the czar, expressing his conviction that all existing political difficulties would be overcome and peace be maintained.

Italy, if it stated, has agreed to act as mediator in the Bulgarian question.

Neil Potter, aged 23, a Michigan Central brakeman, fell between two cars near St. Thomas, Ont., and was decapitated and his pieces. His mother lives at Parkdale, Ont

The liberals of Wales have resolved to include in their parliamentary a bill for Wales, securing tenants, continuity of tenure and compensation for improvements.

Madrid is again excited over a revolutionary conspiracy. Government spies have learned that Zorilla obtained loans to the amount of $400,000 and has been plotting for a fresh uprising.

A dispatch from Tonquin says the French are expecting a fresh Chinese engagement and that 900 rebels were killed.

The London *News* professes to know that the Russian war cloud is lifted for a time at a moment's notice.

Advices from Hong Kong give additional particulars of the sacking of Hakoi and Mon-Kol. Lieut. McMahon was not killed as reported, but he held his fort at Hakoi and drove the pirates out. He will now try to reassure Mon-Kol.

The Widow Victorious.

Judge Tuley of Chicago, has rendered a decision in the application of Wilbur F. Storey, divorced wife for a dower in the estate in his estate. The decision stops the payment of $2,000 a year for alimony, and the plaintiff's dower is fixed at $1,000 yearly claimed. It leaves her an income of $750 a year, which represents her interest in the property when Mr. Storey died. The decision is a great victory for Mr. Storey's widow, Mrs. Eureka C. Storey.

Gilder Heard From.

Col. W. B. Gilder, who is traveling to the north pole by the route through British America, sends word from York factory, Hudson Bay, under date of December 8, that he will spend the winter there until after Christmas, owing to the refusal of Indian guides to start on the journey before they had partaken of the Christmas commemoration. He expects to reach Repulse Bay and fall in with Ecquimax in the spring.

A Horrible Death.

The farm house of Calvin Bass of Kershaw county, South Carolina, has been burned. It is supposed to have been an incendiary fire, and Bass is suspected of setting fire to the building. Mrs. Bass was sick in bed and her two children were burned to death. Two small children also perished. The neighbors are much incensed against Bass, who is expected to have lived with his wife unhappily.

DOINGS AT WASHINGTON

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When the senate convened on Monday of the present week the first matter for discussion was the bill to authorize the president of the United States to protect and defend the rights of American fishermen, Canadian sympathy, American trading and other vessels. Mr. Ingalls of Kansas made a long address, which was a scathing arraignment of Great Britain, and finally reached the conclusion that the matter would have to be settled either by diplomacy or blood. Senator Frye believes war is the only remedy, and became very emphatic in his demand for blood.

Mr. Edmunds poured oil upon the troubled waters, when he said that it was a question of war at this time; that the whole matter depended upon the interpretation of construction of the treaty of 1818. "Bye and bye," he added, "should these matters not adjust themselves properly, one of the other country might decide to go to war."

Mr. Evarts made one of his characteristically long speeches in support of the bills providing for the appointment of a Pacific Vest in support of the measure, and by implication in opposition to the Canadian claims.

When the vote was taken the bill was passed, with only one dissenting voice, Riddleberger voting as he had prayed, for the defeat of the measure.

The senate has also passed the bill concerning postoffices of the third class, providing that fresh fish not be changed into postoffices of the fourth class where the gross receipts amount to $1,900 a year, or where the box receipts and rent-fees, constituting the postmaster's compensation amount to $1,000.

Among the many bills introduced in the house this week, we note the following: to restore ex-Gov. Stoneman of California to the retired list of the army, to change the time of the meeting of congress to the first Wednesday in December; a resolution to inquire into the expediency of appropriating $500,000 to be expended for the construction and equipment of vessels of war, to construct two steel cruisers, five steel gunboats and six steel torpedo boats.

The house devoted considerable time to the discussion of the Randall pension bill, but made comparatively little progress.

The protection democrats have completed their plan to reduce the surplus revenue, upon which they have been at work for some time. The internal and general features of the bill are the same as last year, except that the tax on steel rails is reduced to $13. The principal feature of the Hewitt customs administrative bill is the abolishment of the bonds, together with some additions adjusted by the treasury department. What is known as the "warehouse" section of the Hewitt bill has been eliminated. It is expected that the customs section of the bill will effect a reduction of $10,000,000 and that the internal revenue section of the bill will be from $50,000,000 to $60,000,000.

The senate has passed the general appropriation bills vetoed, $15,000,000 in all, lump, and the house added an army to the pension bill by the passage of the Mexican pension bill.

Ex Gov. and Mrs. Alger are in the city the guests of Mrs. Logan at Calumet place, Ex Gov. Alger is well.

It is rumored in society circles that Secretary Bayard will, within the year, be married to a beautiful lady who belongs to one of the first families in Virginia, and it is expected that the engagement will soon be announced.

Mrs. Lamar's debut at the White House was the society event last week. She produced a decided sensation before, as she turned out to be merely a quiet, dignified, middle-aged woman, dressed in a little black silk and bonnet, and not in the refuge of such women. She was quite self possessed and made an excellent impression.

The newly-elected senator from Illinois called upon Mrs. Logan on Monday. He was sworn in the day before. He was also Senator-elect Davis of Minnesota.

There is another hitch in the Detroit postoffice bill. It is feared that unanimous consent cannot be obtained to pass it. Palmer and Maybury are hard at work, however, and will do their best.

The much mooted inter-state commerce bill, which has been the bone of contention in both branches of congress for a long time, is now ready for the president's signature, the bill having passed the house by a vote of 219 yeas to 41 nays. A strong pressure is being brought to bear to induce the president to veto the bill. It is understood that the president disagrees with several of the provisions of the bill, but that he will not veto it because of them, as admits that something in the way of federal control is needed in regards to inter-state commerce, and is willing to try this bill.

The bill, as amended in conference and passed by both houses, provides that companies catering into pools or combinations, charge no more per mile for a short haul than a long haul. It provides for the appointment of a commission of five persons by the president, with power to cause all railroads entering one state from another to furnish facilities for a fair and shall sit as a court for the recovery of damages, the plaintiff having right of preference between the commission and the United States courts. Violations of the act are made penal offenses, the maximum fine being placed at $5,000. The act to take effect from the passage.

The bill granting a pension to Anna Ethridge Hooks, a celebrated Michigan woman, who acted as field and hospital nurse during the war, was passed by