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AFTER all, the best of us must admit that we take less interest in the big theater hat than in what the hat contains.

THE unspeakable Turk may not be wholly bad, as Lew Wallace insists, but it is rather an unfavorable time to offer information of that sort.

RUSSELL SAGE explains that the $550,000 he drew from the treasury was for a private personal use. Perhaps Mr. Sage had a plumber's bill to pay.

NEW YORK kept the dirtiest streets in the country throughout the winter; finally employed 5,000 outside laborers to clean them, and now won't pay the laborers.

THE Maine legislature decided that people can't die of "heart failure" in that state hereafter. They must have some more specific ailment or go elsewhere to shuffle off.

IT is announced that Boston and John L. Sullivan are permanently estranged. Beans, bruising and belle lettre; these three; but the greatest of these is no longer bruising.

THE New York Recorder suggests an international life-saving prize fund for saving shipwrecked life at sea. The idea is excellent, as it would cause every derelict to be overhauled, every ship in distress to be assisted, if possible, and every boat signal observed to be attended to. Start it.

EVEN in a long-settled state like New Jersey the forest fires last year burned over 197,000 acres and destroyed timber valued at $100,000. They also cooked the fertility out of the soil and killed many valuable wild creatures. Yet the average member yawns a weary yawn when some member wants to talk forestry instead of "politics."

THERE was a decline of 3,000,000 sheep in the country last year, which goes to prove that the American taste for mutton must be growing. The head of cattle in the same period decreased by 2,250,000, or six per cent of the entire number. The decrease in the national wealth by the sheep was $4,500,000; by the cattle, $32,000,000.

THE much advertised Kentucky gentleman did not quite whip his weight in wild cats, but he came very near it. Now the question is, would the Kentucky gentleman have been as successful if, instead of in a cage at an opera house surrounded by a yelling crowd of men and boys, he had met the animals in a lonely path in the Rocky mountains?

IT is nearly fifty years since the close of the Mexican war and in the natural course of events the survivors should be limited to a few octogenarians. As a matter of fact, however, the number of pensioners on account of the Mexican war now on the rolls exceed the number of soldiers who participated in the struggle. There is clearly something wrong.

THERE is a kind of comfort in the fact that the grip pays no more respect to princes than to paupers. The disease has laid hold of the prince of Wales, and his royal knees ache and his royal nose sneezes just as though he were of humble birth. There is no precaution known that will scare off this vicious disorder. The man who lives according to the rules of the sanitarian fares no better than the most heedless.

THE telephone may work some unexpected changes in court procedure. A witness has been permitted to testify by 'phone in a Michigan court. If evidence may be taken in this manner, why should not jury services be performed by telephone? There would be a great advantage in it, since juries would be enabled thus to escape listening to speeches, and could reach determination of a cause on the evidence alone.

THE suggestion that the Turks are bribing Armenians to testify in favor of the righteous and humane rule of Turkey is not worth attention. It is not conceivable that an Armenian Christian could be base enough to be influenced by money to testify in favor of the oppressors. The Armenians, hopeless of European interference, may be intimidated, and probably will be, but they will not be bribed by the hope of money.

HAVEN'T had the grip? Don't brag; it is not yet too late in the season for the all-over, feverish, devilish, every-bone-in-the-body-aching feeling to strike you, like a shock from an electric light wire. One minute you feel you have a chronic wellness, i. e., the minute just before the Russian monster grips you. The minute after you don't care a continental how wide or deep they dig your grave or if you are a cremationist how soon they light the fire.

JOSEPH COOK is a perennial. His lectures have been heard, it would seem, by all of the minority who like to hear lectures; yet he has begun the twentieth year of his Monday lectureship with unabated vigor. Joseph belongs to the immortals.

A FLOOR walker in a big retail house in Chicago says that more paper patterns have been sold this season than any in his recollection. He says that this is a sign of economy. Women are making their own dresses who never did it before.

SOMETHING is to be said for the New York dude who threw an ottoman at a theatrical performer from a private box and struck the latter upon the chest. It is that, in the words of the Eastern proverb, full license is granted to fools upon earth.

AS THE country is now practically dependent on California for its oranges, the fruit growers of that state will show their generosity and love of fair dealing by supplying the market without any advance in prices. Of course they will.

UNDOUBTEDLY men have as much right to wear hats in theaters as women. The reason they don't do it is because they are too courteous and polite. The more the women think about this the more uncomfortable they ought to feel.

THE late czar was so great an admirer of Count Tolstoi that he tolerated his very radical and even seditious utterances. It remains to be seen whether Nicholas will be equally tolerant under the sting of Tolstoi's recent manifesto.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

A CHAPTER OF THE DOINGS OF MICHIGANDERS.

Convention of Third District Republicans Name Lieut.-Gov. Milnes for Congress on the 114th Ballot.—Mysterious Tragedy at Mt. Morris.

Third District Republican Convention.

The Republicans of the third congressional district met in convention at Kalamazoo to name a candidate for the vacancy in the Michigan delegation to congress created by the resignation of J. C. Burrows, who was elected to the seat in the U. S. senate made vacant by the death of Senator Stockbridge. A stiff fight was expected and there was no disappointment on that score. Not much time was lost in preliminaries. Hon. Chas. E. Brown, of Kalamazoo, was made temporary chairman and L. P. Bissell, of Charlotte, temporary secretary, and they were also made permanent officers. Nominating speeches were limited to two minutes and resulted in giving the following names to vote upon: Lieut.-Gov. Milnes, Coldwater; State Senator Clapp, Battle Creek; John M. C. Smith, Eaton Rapids; Secretary of State Washington Gardner, Albion.

The first ballot resulted: Gardner, 27; Smith, 19; Clapp, 12; Milnes, 11. Every ballot until 109 had been taken resulted the same way, and then the convention adjourned for the night.

The opening of the second day of the convention showed no change in the situation as the 110th ballot was the same as the first. Two more ballots resulted in but one change, a gain of one vote by Smith. The next ballot, however, made a big change, Senator Clapp's followers going over to Smith making the vote stand: Smith, 32; Gardner, 26; Milnes, 11. A recess of one hour was taken and then the 114th ballot resulted: Milnes, 35; Smith, 34. After the defeated candidates, Smith, Gardner and Clapp had made speeches the resolutions committee report was adopted. It declares for the restoration of silver "to its time honored position in the nation's finances."

Suicided for Love.

Alembert E. Keith, a mail carrier of Ann Arbor, committed suicide in a rather romantic manner. He called at the home of Miss Lizzie Covert to escort the young lady to a dancing school. While at Granger's academy it is said they had a slight quarrel. Keith took the young lady to her home and then went to his own home and secured a revolver. Half an hour later Miss Covert heard a shot under her window. They opened the door and found Keith almost breathing his last. There were two bullet holes each about an inch above the heart. He lived for 30 minutes and on being asked by Miss Covert why he had shot himself, he replied, "It is all for you, my love."

Third District Free Silver Nominee.

The silver convention for the Third congressional district was held at Battle Creek with nearly full delegations from every county in the district. A long string of resolutions with the usual demands of free silver men were adopted. On the third ballot the result was: Robert McDougall, of Hillsdale, 34; A. M. Todd, of Kalamazoo, 32; George Willard, of Battle Creek, 10. McDougall, who has already been nominated on the Populist ticket, withdrew, and Todd's nomination was made unanimous. Mr. Todd is a wealthy manufacturer of Kalamazoo, and has also been nominated for congress by the Prohibitionists.

Mysterious Murder at Mt. Morris.

Frank H. Cowles, of Mt. Morris, found his wife dead in bed with two ghastly cuts in her throat, and the bed clothes saturated with blood. The couple had had trouble, and had lived apart for some months, but she went to his hardware store and said she wanted to stay over night. He gave her his bed and he took another. When he got up in the morning, not hearing her, he went to her room and found her dead. She was 45 years old and leaves a son and daughter.

Big Church Burned by Incendiaries.

The large brick Roman Catholic (Polish) church at Posen, Presque Isle county, was totally destroyed by fire. Loss, $30,000; insurance, $5,000. The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary, as there have been two factions in the church for some time and much bad feeling. Last year the priest's barn was burned, with much stock and grain, by an incendiary. Father Bogatski is almost crazed at the loss of his splendid church.

Three Farmers Suicide.

Bellaire: Gotlieb Weisthoff, aged 90, shot and killed himself at his home in Case township. No cause known.

Hudson: James Droun, a Medina farmer, deranged and despondent, hanged himself in his barn.

Horton: Melvin Shaw, a farmer near the village, took a fatal dose of laudanum and died. He was in financial difficulties, being unable to pay the interest due on a farm mortgage.

The striking miners at the Cleveland hematite mines at Negaunee have gone back to work on a compromise scale.

Joseph Hambitzer, ex-state treasurer, has been admitted to the bar at Marquette and will practice at Houghton.

This spring Port Huron will again vote on the proposition to bond the city for $30,000 for a municipal lighting plant.

The common council of Union City has issued bonds to purchase the electric lighting plant and improve the service.

The Democratic convention for the Tenth senatorial district was held at Ann Arbor. Without much discussion James McDougall, of Superior, was nominated.

The monthly report of the Michigan salt inspector shows salt inspected in February as follows: Bay county, 26,930 barrels; Saginaw, 22,653; Manistee, 4,813; St. Clair, 3,207; Midland, 2,000; Mason, 766; making a total of 60,369 barrels, the smallest output in years. Salt is selling very slowly.

The Goodrich Transportation company, of Chicago, will erect a large warehouse and offices on their new docks at Muskegon. The building of the docks, pavilion, warehouses and other buildings will cost upwards of $10,000, and will be the finest on the west shore of Lake Michigan.

J. J. McPhee is getting out 7,000,000 feet of square timber near Mellen, which is said to be the finest timber ever logged in the north country. The timber is to be loaded on vessels at Ashland and shipped via Quebec to England. One single log scaled 3,800 feet, and required three teams to haul it.

The genuine "Parson" J. W. Arney, of race horse fame, surprised the congregation of Pilgrim church at Lansing by tendering his resignation, to take effect April 1, when he will engage in evangelistic work, with headquarters at Lansing. It is Rev. J. H. Arney who has resigned at Middleville to accept a call to Pana, Ill. State papers have confounded the latter with the Lansing "parson."

John Torrent, of Muskegon, says that while he has been figuring on a big timber deal on Georgian bay there is no truth in the report that he is heading a syndicate for sawing the logs at Muskegon.

MICHIGAN HAPPENINGS.

Ex-Gov. Felch is ill at Ann Arbor.

Petoskey Christians pledged $1,000 in aid of the Y. M. C. A.

A large three-story hotel is to be built on Les Cheneaux islands.

Menominee is going to have a furniture factory employing 150 men.

Clare expects to have her streets lighted by electricity after April 25.

Petoskey is proudly boasting of its latest acquisition—a woman barber.

Michigan University literary classes are so crowded the students are refused admission almost every day.

Charles Ruffey, of Northport, killed two wild cats, each of which weighed 23 pounds.

A bust of Judge Cooley will be unveiled by the seniors of Michigan University, April 6.

A new four-story temple to cost $20,000 is being talked of by the Masons of the west side at Saginaw.

Arrangements were completed for the building of a second railroad between Saginaw and Bay City.

The lumber cut on the Menominee river this winter has been about 350,000,000 feet, a very good record.

The Menominee Sash and Door company will build a three-story brick building for the manufacture of coffins.

Pontiac builders are looking for an unusually active season. Over 100 new houses will be added to the town.

The Universalist church at Bay City burned. Loss, $12,000; insurance, $7,300. A finer church will be erected.

A silver club has been organized at Grand Ledge. The members of the club are composed of adherents of all parties.

Henry Kiddle, aged 68, was found frozen in his hut at Saginaw. The entire lower part of his body was frozen stiff.

James M. Turner has been elected president of the free silver club at Lansing. Over 200 have signed the club's constitution.

Moses C. Lichtner, of Muskegon, committed suicide in the toilet room of the union depot at Grand Rapids by taking carbolic acid.

Fire started from a defective furnace flue in the house occupied by Professor Neil, at Agricultural College, and it was gutted. Loss $1,500.

Albion students are much wrought up over the action of President Fiske in practically forbidding the wearing of sweaters in class room.

John Miller and family who live near Saginaw, were taken sick after drinking some tea. They found that an enemy had poisoned the sugar.

A civil engineer with assistants are at work surveying the route of the proposed Michigan Central branch from Buchanan to Berrien Springs.

The Weird cider mill and vinegar house, near Belleville, burned, ruining 15,000 gallons of vinegar, dried fruit and machinery. The loss is $12,000.

Frank Forey was killed at McManus' mill, Petoskey. A log from the top of a pile he was unloading rolled upon his head, crushing it in a horrible manner.

Horse thieves near Carleton, stole two horses, a carriage or two and several other articles, worth in the aggregate $300. They escaped over the Ohio line.

E. H. Spencer, the embezzling agent of the American express company at Sunfield, has returned from Tacoma and surrendered himself. He stole about $400.

Plans for the new court house and jail at St. Joseph have been completed. The court house is to be of brick and stone, of imposing architecture, three stories high, with a high tower.

Tenth district Prohibitionists have nominated Levi Decker, of Jackson, for state senator. The Populists have nominated Walter Gould, an intelligent young farmer of Tompkins.

Tom Stoddard, of Holland, was knocked down and robbed of $50 by two tramps while stepping out of a back door of a saloon. The tramps escaped leaving him badly injured.

John Lebeau was crushed by a log falling upon him at Menominee and he died shortly afterward. His back and both legs were broken. He was 35 years of age and leaves a widow.

Patrick McDonald, a wealthy farmer at Whitmore Lake, was severely injured by a falling tree, which drove his teeth through his tongue and broke his right arm twice. He will recover.

The D. G. H. & M. railway is offering free passes both ways to all prospective settlers on its lines, regardless of whether they are looking for farms, sites for manufacturing plants, or general business locations.

The double funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dunning occurred at Jackson, the bodies having been brought from Toledo. Mr. Dunning was 81 years of age, and Mrs. Dunning 79. They had been married more than 60 years, and resided a long time in Jackson.

R. C. Hendrick, a well-known Saginaw man, after 30 years, has just discovered his brother William in East Dubuque, Ill. The brother was adopted by a family named Mayhew years ago and he never knew his right name was Hendrick. Both brothers are well off.

The town of New Buffalo has given a bonus of $3,000 and five acres of land to a Chicago syndicate to secure the establishment of a brass foundry which will employ 50 skilled laborers and many common laborers. Ground has already been broken for the building.

James Rarick, near Harbor Springs, lost his house and part of the contents by fire. Joseph Stirley, of the same place, also lost his home and all the contents, even to the clothing worn by the family, by fire. Fire was discovered in an Indian house, also in Harbor Springs, and before assistance could arrive the building became a total loss, all in one day.

A boiler in the sawmill of A. M. Kinney, near Hillsdale, exploded and Mr. Kinney was killed. His son and another man were directly over the engine, but escaped with a few burns. The boiler was hurled bodily through the air 100 feet or more, tearing the mill to atoms. Great trees 80 or 90 feet away were twisted and splintered by the flying pieces of the boiler.

The nomination of Lieut.-Gov. Milnes for congress will result in no change in the personnel of the state officials. The constitution makes no provision for filling a vacancy in the office of the lieutenant-governor, simply providing that in case a vacancy occurs in such office the president pro tem. of the senate shall act. Lieut.-Gov. Milnes will not resign until after the April election, if at all, and from that time until January 1, 1897. Senator Joseph R. McLaughlin, president pro tem. of the senate, will be acting lieutenant-governor.

Rev. Francis M. Turner, of the Unionville Baptist church, lost his wife and son by death last November and seemed inconsolable in his grief. But what was the surprise of his congregation to learn that he had remarried within three months to a girl 20 years and had kept it a secret until cornered. He was then promptly fired from the pulpit. Turner is 40 years of age.

Students of the State Mining school are spending much of their time nowadays going down into the mines, where they work side by side with the grimy miners and soil their dainty hands.

STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.—36th day.—The resolution to submit to the people the question of increasing the salaries of state officers came over from the House, where it has been adopted, but was delayed by being referred to the judiciary committee—presumably at the solicitation of Attorney-General Maynard, who wishes to have the question of his salary voted on separately from the others. The charter bill for fourth-class cities was again under discussion and was agreed to in committee of the whole. A few bills were passed, but each was of interest to only one city or locality; the most important were: Making term of mineral statistician expire April 1; authorizing Buchanan township, Berrien county, to borrow money to dredge St. Joseph river; to legalize $70,000 courthouse bonds for Berrien county. HOUSE.—The salaries amendment was again the cause of a struggle. The resolution placing the salary of the auditor-general at $4,500 was repealed and then came the vote on the joint resolution for a general raise, and after a deal of hard work the necessary two-thirds was mustered and it was adopted. The bill providing a fine of from $5 to $100 for apple-stealing and imprisonment of from 10 to 90 days was passed. The evening session was spent in committee of the whole. The most interesting piece of work was on Kempf's bill, doing away with the three days of grace rule on notes, drafts, etc. Rep. Kimmis poked a hole into the bill by saying that if a sight draft were presented under the terms of the bill it must be paid at once, or the paper would go to protest. It might be inconvenient or impossible to produce the cash. Kimmis moved that all after the enacting clause be stricken out, and the motion was carried. Rep. Chamberlain's resolution, thanking Senator McMillan for bringing about the cession of Mackinac Island to Michigan as a state park was adopted.

SENATE.—37th day.—Senator Brundage's factory inspection bill was passed. It carries an appropriation of $8,000 and provides for five inspectors at a salary of $800. The committee on the Industrial School for Boys reported $66,000 a year for current expenses and $24,500 for improvements. The committee on labor favorably reported the bills allowing labor organizations to become incorporated so that they can sue and be sued; also to punish tramps by putting them to work. The joint resolution thanking Senator McMillan for his efforts in securing Mackinac Island for the state was passed. HOUSE.—A strong protest was received from Bay City against the charter commission's bill for third-class cities. Resolutions were adopted congratulating Lieut-Gov. Milnes on his nomination for congress from the Third district. Rep. Covell's bill for state inspection of swamp lands was called up, but because of opposition it was tabled. Rep. Foster characterized the bill as a land steal. The bill was passed placing the secretary of state, the governor's private secretary and governor's executive secretary under bonds. The growing opposition to the voluminous general charter bills prepared by the special charter commission, consisting of Gerrit J. Diekema, Mark S. Brewer and Edwin F. Conely, culminated in the following resolution of inquiry, which was introduced by Rep. Fitzgerald and unanimously adopted: Resolved, That the clerk of the House do furnish and report as soon as possible information upon the following: 1. When and by what authority was a special commission organized to draft the general charter bills? 2. What are its duties? 3. What compensation was said commission to receive? 4. How long has said commission been employed in framing said charters? 5. What expense has thus far been incurred? 6. When will its labor be completed? The bill allowing Kent county supervisors to pay their committees for work performed between sessions was amended to make it general and the nearly every county wanted to "get in out of the wet." The bill was returned to the committee to be constructed so as to cover all the state. The House end of the joint committee to investigate the charges against Superintendent Clark of the Flint school for the deaf and dumb, was increased to four, and Representatives Lee, Fitzerald, Westcott and Wolter were appointed.

SENATE.—38th day.—The salaries amendment was reported adversely by the committee on judiciary and was placed in the general order without debate. The liquor traffic committee brought in a favorable report on the bill providing for local option by vote of cities, villages and township. The committee on the school for feeble minded recommended an appropriation of $126,000 for two years for additional buildings. The committee on Soldiers' Home recommended an appropriation of $176,000 for that institution, less the amount to be received from the goverment for support—$100,000. A resolution congratulating Lieut.-Gov. Milnes on his nomination to congress from the Third district was adopted. Senator Clapp, who was a contestant for the honor, supporting it. Lieut.-Gov. Milnes replied in a brief speech. Senator Kilpatrick's bill to make it unlawful for any corporation to remove its establishment from any place where it has been given a bonus without paying back the bonus came up in committee of the whole and was agreed to. HOUSE.—The bill to consolidate the various legal departments of Detroit into one came up and Rep. Matthews, of Wayne, tried to rush it through, but some others "smelled a rat" and it was laid on the table. The measure is generally recognized as "a blow at Pingree." The bill for the appropriation of $8,000 for a continuation of the recompilation of Michigan war records was agreed to. Rep. Campbell's bill to prohibit corporations, excepting railroad and mining corporations, from doing business until the entire capital stock is subscribed and 25 per cent paid in came up and after considerable opposition was informally passed.

SENATE.—39th day.—An invitation from the regents of Michigan University to visit that institution was accepted. A protest was read from the Detroit Trades council against the bill for closing Sunday amusement places. In committee of the whole the bill was agreed to providing for putting tramps in county jails at hard work for 90 days. The bill of Senator Eaton, a sort of substitute for general prohibition, may again stir up the liquor men to activity. It has been reported out of committee. That bill has for its purpose to permit cities and villages in "dry" counties to have their own saloons and collect liquor taxes. As it is, drinks are sold surreptitiously with no remuneration to the counties in the shape of taxes. HOUSE.—There was somewhat of a fight over the invitation from the University regents for a junket to that institution March 21 and 22, and considerable feeling was shown against making more appropriations for the University, but it all ended in accepting the invitation. Rep. Partridge's bill for the reform of the primary election (caucus) system of Detroit was reported favorably by the elections committee and would probably have passed but for the objections of Rep. Kelly, of Muskegon, and it was re-referred. The committee on elections also reported favorably the Shaw bill designed to make fusion between political parties not only difficult but impossible. This is the bill prohibiting the placing of any one candidate's name on more than one ticket on the official ballot. The legal doctors are at wide variance on its validity. The committee on private corporations recommended the passage of the bill amending the franchise tax law so as to require corporations to pay the tax in case of a reorganization. In response to the sweeping resolution of inquiry passed some days ago, Clerk Miller made a report showing the expense of the municipal commission to date had been $1,001.81, of which sum $351.78 was for personal expenses. None of the commissioners have as yet drawn anything for their services. Miller's response as to what further sums would be called for under the item "services" declared that it was only limited by the "modesty of the commissioners and the generosity of the board of state auditors." A communication was received from the Port Huron chamber of commerce vigorously protesting against the blanket bill designed for the government of cities of the third class. Bills passed: Enabling the regents of the University to take and hold in perpetual trust bonds and other property; providing for the payment to the state treasurers of all moneys given to the regents of the University in trust, to expend the income thereof and for the payment of interest upon all such moneys by the state to the regents in furtherance of such trust; amending law relative to church societies by providing that churches with 400 or more congregation may have from nine to 15 trustees; for continuance of compilation of soldiers' records in office of state adjutant-general; incorporating the Independent Order of Rechabites of North America.

TO CURE DROPSY.

A New Treatment That Differs from the Old Methods and Is Invariably Successful.

McIntyre, Ont: Dropsy is due in the majority of cases to some disorder of the kidneys. It is one of the symptoms of Bright's disease and indicates an advanced stage of the disease. One reason why so many cases of dropsy prove fatal is that a wrong system of treatment is followed. If the cause be removed the disease will disappear. Make the kidneys all right and dropsy will go. This is the plan followed by Hugh Lamont, of this place, in the case of his 14-year-old son, who had dropsy since he was an infant. Mr. Lamont gave the boy Dodd's Kidney Pills and he is now thoroughly cured and strong and hearty.

Dodd's Kidney Pills are put up in round, flat boxes with blue labels and red band. The public is cautioned against imitations and substitutes. If your druggist has not the genuine they will be forwarded on receipt of price, 50 cents a box or 6 boxes for $2.50 by addressing the proprietors, the Dodd's Medicine Co., Ltd., Buffalo, N. Y.

The President Goes Gunning.

Washington: President Cleveland, accompanied by Dr. O'Reilly, his physician, Commander George F. F. Wild, of the lighthouse board, and Commander Lamberton, lighthouse inspector, left here on the Violet for 10 days' shooting on the inland waters of North Carolina.

Ex-President Harrison Recovering.

Ex-President Harrison, after a week of severe illness that threatened at one time to take a dangerous turn, is rapidly recovering at his home at Indianapolis, and will be able to be out in a few days. The danger point has been passed.

Washington: A statement prepared at the immigration bureau shows that the total number of immigrants arriving at the ports of the U. S. during the seven months ended Feb. 1895, was 113,375 as against 189,582 for the seven months ended Feb. 1, 1894, a decrease of 76,207 or 40 per cent.

MAJOR AND MINOR.

NEWS OF INTEREST AND MORE OR LESS IMPORTANCE.

News from China and Japan Tells of Continued Japanese Victories—Negotiations for Peace Continue—President Cleveland Goes Duck Hunting.

Heavy Loss of Life by the Chinese.

Hiroshima: A dispatch received here from Gen. Nodzu says that two divisions of the first Japanese army assaulted New Chang proper and entered the city. A portion of the enemy's forces at once fled to Yin Kow, the New Chang settlement. The remaining Chinese troops made a stubborn resistance, occupying the houses of the city. Some desperate street fighting followed and the Chinese were completely routed at 11 o'clock at night, leaving 1,900 killed upon the field. The Japanese captured 500 prisoners and 16 guns, together with a quantity of munitions of war and colors. The Japanese loss was 206 killed and wounded.

Other War News From the Orient.

Yokohama: News from the front is that the Japanese have occupied Kokan without opposition. Yinkow, the New Chang settlement, was captured by the first division of the second army. The coast forts about New Chang are still holding out. The first and second Japanese armies effected a junction at Yinkow. The Chinese army commanded by Gen. Sung has retired to Thien Chwang Tai. It is officially announced that the safety of the foreigners at Yinkow has been guaranteed by the Japanese, who are inquiring into the personal injuries which they have sustained. The foreign settlement is guarded by Japanese troops.

Li Hung Restored to the Emperor's Favor.

Pekin: Li Hung Chang telegraped the details of his commission and powers as Chinese peace envoy to Japan, saying that if they were unsatisfactory he would not start on his mission. Japan's reply was not given out, but it must have been satisfactory, as Li Hung Chang started for Hiroshima by way of Tien Tsin. Wung Tung Ho, tutor to the emperor of China, who has been regarded as a big stumbling block to modern progress, has incurred the displeasure of the emperor, and a number of other confidents have been dropped. On the other hand Li Hung Chang met with especial marks of royal esteem, and was granted five audiences with the emperor and two with the empress. Hon. John W. Foster, counsel for Chinese peace commission, accompanied Li Hung.

2,000 Chinese Killed.

Yokohama: The Japanese captured the coast forts near Yinkow, the port for New Chwang. The forts held out after the capture of Yinkow. The first division of the Japanese army attacked a force of 10,000 Chinese under General Sung at Thien Chwang Tai. For four hours a fierce battle waged, but the Chinese were defeated after losing 2,000 killed or wounded. The Japanese loss was only 90 killed or wounded.

Paris: The Figaro declares that neither France nor Great Britain will permit Japan to seize the island of Formosa.

$1,000,000 Mine Fire.

The worst mine fire ever known in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania is now raging in the Hazel slope of the Lehigh Valley Coal company near Hazelton. When the fire broke out six weeks ago it was thought to be of little consequence. Since then hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent in efforts to subdue the flames. The chances of getting the fire out in the next six weeks are dubious. The mine was the deepest operated by the company and was one of the most valuable, employing some 1,100 men. The destruction of this great colliery is not alone threatened now, but those adjoining it are imperilled. The loss will undoubtedly reach over $1,000,000.

HE IS A RICH MAN NOW.

A Poor German's Lucky Discovery—Gets $1,000,000 for a Rheumatic Cure.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—Less than one year ago Frank Schrage did not possess a dollar in the world outside of the small income derived from a small drug business, and only a few years ago he was a poor German immigrant. To-day Mr. Schrage can be called a millionaire, as the result of a discovery he has made of "Schrage's Rheumatic Cure." A syndicate paid him $100,000 cash for his discovery and arranged to pay him $100,000 a year until he has received $1,000,000 in all.—Philadelphia Press.

Swanson Rheumatic Cure company, 167-169 Dearborn st., Chicago, are the sole proprietors of this celebrated remedy. Never fails. Testimonials free. Write to-day. "Schrage's $1,000,000 Rheumatic Cure." A few good agents wanted.

Ancient Mexican Volcano in Eruption.

Cordoba, Mex: The peak of Orizaba, an ancient volcano, is in a state of eruption. It is now vomiting poisonous gases and thick volumes of smoke are emitted from 100 apertures in its great maw. The earth for 100 miles around is shaken periodically with subterranean vibrations. A great alarm exists in the cities of Cordoba, Orizaba, Kalaha, and the dozens of small villages scattered within the scope of the monster. The shocks as yet have not been of a disastrous nature. The present eruption is in the heart of the best improved coffee district in Mexico, where are located many Americans who have embarked in the profitable business.

Mrs. Willie Vanderbilt Gets a Divorce.

A decree of absolute divorce was filed in the office of the county clerk at New York City, in the suit of Alva E. Vanderbilt against William K. Vanderbilt. The decree awards the custody of the children to Mrs. Vanderbilt. She can marry again, but Willie cannot during her life. The woman in the case is Nellie Neustretter, one of the most beautiful queens of the Paris demimonde.

It is understood that the settlement upon Mrs. Vanderbilt includes the marble palace at Newport, the residence at Fifty-second street and Fifth avenue and money and securities that will make her income $300,000 a year.

Harry Hayward Found Guilty.

The long trial of Harry Hayward at Minneapolis for the murder of Catherine Ging has ended and the accused is nearing his end. The jury considered the case only two hours and when they returned to the court room it was easy to see that they had agreed on a solemn verdict. "We, the jury, find the prisoner guilty as charged," was the announcement. Hayward scarcely changed color, and when he was being taken to jail remarked that the verdict was an outrage and he was a long way from the hangman yet. The verdict was greeted with cheers by the mob waiting outside the courtroom.

Japan Ratifies Our Treaty.

Washington: The emperor of Japan has formally executed the ratification of the new treaty with the United States and the document has just been forwarded. It is expected to arrive here March 20 and the ceremony of exchange ratifications will be held shortly after. The Japanese ratification is an imposing document, drawn on parchment and bearing the imperial arms and other insignia accompanying the personal signature of the emperor.

The Bethlehem (Pa.) Iron company has ordered 1,000 of their men to report for duty.

A SWINDLER.

He Nearly Brought Ruin to Gladstone's Ministry.

Jabez Balfour was within an ace of being made under secretary of state for the home department at the last general election in 1892. Not only had he contributed very liberally to the Gladstonian campaign fund, but he also had obtained such an overwhelming majority at Burnley, the constituency for which he sat in parliament, that he was recognized as having special claims upon the administration, all the more as he had won Tamworth for his party at the previous election and had shaken the enemy in strongholds like Croydon and Newington.

His nomination was pressed upon Mr. Gladstone in the strongest possible manner by Lord Oxenbridge and other prominent peers and Liberal politicians—some, alas, interested in those fateful building societies—who pointed out to the old prime minister that Mr. Balfour had achieved an incalculable amount of public good by sowing the seeds of thrift among the people, and supplying them through the Liberator building society and other kindred agencies with means of providing against sickness and want in old age.

Mr. Gladston was on the point of nominating him to the office in question, but during an interview that took place he conceived some kind of dislike and intuitive suspicion of the man, which led him to carefully investigate his history. The result was not altogether satisfactory, and consequently Balfour did not receive the appointment. Had he been granted it his financial collapse, which followed not long afterward, bringing ruin and desolation to so many modest and humble homes, would have brought down the ministry with a run. Should Jabez be brought back from the Argentine Republic, where he has been living quite openly ever since he was intentionally allowed to escape, all the recommendations of his appointment as a member of the administration would be divulged in court in a manner calculated to do no end of damage to the people, such as Lord Oxenbridge and others, who had rendered themselves answerable for his character.

It is, therefore, just as unlikely that we will see him brought home to England while the present cabinet is in power as it is that the sanctimonious thief will conform to the hopes of his whilom friends and present paymasters over in England, that he will commit suicide rather than permit himself to be extradited. Balfour does not show any signs of uneasiness as to his future, knowing full well that it is to the interest of many great, rich and influential people in England, including the present government, that he should not be brought to trial, since the proceedings would inevitably entail the ruin and disgrace of a number of persons formerly interested in his ventures.

WEARING QUEUES IN CHINA.

It Is Merely the Prevailing Style, and Is Not Demanded by Law.

"It is to the Tartars who conquered China several centuries ago that we are indebted to this much discussed queue," said Wing Lock, a prominent Chinaman, to a writer for the Pittsburg Dispatch. "You hear a great deal about the laws of China relating to the wearing of queues; how a Chinaman cannot return to his country without his queue, and all that. The wearing of a queue is no more required by law than your gentlemen wearing whiskers. It is a custom and a style, and a Chinaman realizes some truth in the saying that you might as well be out of the earth as out of style. A Chinaman retains his queue simply because if he should ever return to his native land he would not care to go about among his friends and make himself conspicuous by such a radical departure from the style of so many millions of people. Strange, too, that the Chinaman should hold to his queue with such tenacity when it was originally imposed upon him as a mark of subjection. When the Tartars came over and set a ruler upon our throne they decreed that every Chinaman should wear a queue such as they did. Of course this was at first galling to them, for they could not see or touch their plaited hair without being reminded of their conquest. But time heals all wounds, and it was not long before the Chinamen began to cherish the mark of subjection as a good fashion or style. This was also true about the style of dress the Chinamen now wear. It is in the queue that a Chinaman wears his badge of mourning. When a Chinaman's father or mother dies there is sent to him, as to all members of the family, colored garters. These are not garters as we understand, but sort of ribbons, white, green and blue, which are plaited in the hair. White, green and blue are the colors of mourning, while the ribbon that is ordinarily plaited in the queue is black. These blue and green garters are worn in the hair for one year after the death of a parent."

Not a Joke.

Hetty Green, the richest woman in America, told her washerwoman recently that she needn't mind about washing more than the bottoms of her skirts, where the skirt shows, "and," said she, "when you make out your bill be sure and deduct one-half on the skirts, as I will not pay for unnecessary work." The washerwoman thought it was a joke, but found the next week that there was no joke about it. The deduction had to be made.

Love and Arithmetic.

Sweet Girl—Papa says you are getting only $500 a year.

Young Simpson—That is true, but I am to have twice that amount next year.

Sweet Girl—Let—me—see. That will be $1,000, won't it. That isn't much, but the next year it will be $2,000, and the next $4,000 and the next $8,000 and then $16,000 and then $32,000 and next year $64,000. Why, my love, we'll soon be rich!

A Queer Proceeding.

Mrs. Nextdoor—One of my windows is stuck and I can't get it up or down.

Little Boy—Ours gets the same way sometimes.

Mrs. Nextdoor—Who fixes them?

Little Boy—Papa.

Mrs. Nextdoor—How does he do it?

"I don't know. Quick as papa starts in to fix a stuck window mamma sends me out of the room."

The Lower Four Hundred.

Little Miss Backcourt—Don't you dare speak to me. Youse don't belong in our set any more. Youse is just nobodies. Your dad has been sent up for larceny.

Little Miss Allway—Huh! Your dad is there, too.

Little Miss Backcourt, haughtily—The charge agin my dad was grand larceny.

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

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At Hartford, Conn., 150 high school boys have joined the National Anti-Cigarette league.

A bacteriological institute is about to be established in the university of Kief, Russia, at an estimated cost of $50,000.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology wants the legislature to make an annual grant of $25,000 for six years in order to enable it to do its work. The trouble is not a lack of students but the presence of too many, for the tuition fees do not meet the expenses.

"Old Jennie," the camel that died at the Central park menagerie recently, was fully 90 years old. She was imported from Central Asia by Hagenbeck for P. T. Barnum early in the '50's. Every summer since her arrival she had made a tour of the United States and had been in nearly 10,000 street parades.

Recent statistics as to the public libraries of the United States show that Massachusetts ranks first with 212 free public libraries with a total of 2,760,000 volumes to every 1,000 of the state's population. New Hampshire comes next with 42 libraries and 175,000 books, or 464 volumes to every 1,000 of population.

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