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Norway is the latest to score anarchy through its legislature. The returns are not all in.

Strange to say, the nickel mines purchased by Americans in New Caledonia are not street-car lines.

Doubtless some of the North Dakota divorce lawyers have already sent their business cards to Queen Wilhelmina.

Although King Edward's coronation is to take place in June the confident expectation is that it will be an august ceremony.

There is nothing inconsistent in the proposal to make more compact the various concerns that manufacture compressed air tools.

A roast pig that had been fattened on potatoes is about the daintiest dish of the Christmas season, and certainly the most expensive one.

Why should a woman fiercely scold a man for smoking on the street car platform. He is really doing homage; he is burning incense to the sex.

Cities and towns are glad to accept Mr. Carnegie's gifts just as they are offered, but the United States can afford to make stipulations in such matters.

Russia is abolishing part of what little local government its cities had. The czar is laying up trouble for himself against the time when the people get aroused.

It would be a great thing for New York if that German inventor were to destroy the London fogs. Then New York would not have to be at the trouble of cultivating them.

A Brooklyn jury has awarded $8,500 to a woman who incurred a stiff finger as the result of a railway collision. The company ought to be thankful her whole hand wasn't stiffened.

Emperor William has not only interdicted dueling in the German colleges, but has ordered the children in the subordinate schools to discontinue the practice of writing letters to him.

The Yale football management has netted thirty thousand dollars from this year's games, but doubtless it would give every dollar of it to have reversed the figures of the score on Soldiers' Field.

A musical paper in London is indignant because only one carriage attended the funeral of Manager Mapleson. But just think how many times in his long operatic career, Col. Mapleson announced substitutions in the cast.

And now the Bulgarian brigands have a grievance. They complain that Miss Stone, their captive, is trying to convert them to Christianity. As this is Miss Stone's business she may succeed in gaining her freedom without the payment of a cent of ransom. All she needs to do is to persuade her captors to apply the golden rule in her case.

Like a great many other men of genius who have lived in this world, the late Eugene Field was generally hard up for money. Nevertheless, this is no infallible token of genius, and his latest biographer goes to the limit of indelicacy in retailing episodes in the career of his subject illustrating his impecuniosity. These are among the things that are better left unsaid, except as they serve to illumine character.

The plan for a penal colony for anarchists, proposed or suggested by Senator Vest, seems to meet the anarchist situation the most thoroughly; besides there is a poetical side to the idea of letting the anarchists work out their theories on themselves. A fertile island, capable of yielding its inhabitants a bountiful living with an average amount of labor, should be chosen, and the anarchists should be deported there and left to themselves and their theories. In order that no doubts might be raised as to their having a fair show, the government might support them for a year or two and supply them with all the implements of industry and the comforts of a high civilization. After such a period, let them work out their own destiny, the government only taking care that no one should escape from the island. It is a safe conjecture that under such conditions the anarchists would have their theories changed by close experience with practical affairs; they would come to learn respect for government and to know that a government by a majority is much preferable to a government by any one possessed of the greatest physical force.

English peeresses are making organized protest against the arbitrary costume regulations for King Edward's coronation ceremonies. They say the wearing of velvet will destroy the symmetry of their figures and that ermine will ruin their complexions. It begins to look as if even hereditary caste privilege in England has its limitations. The cable may soon inform us that his imperial majesty has dictated to the haughty peeresses what brand of face powder shall be used in building complexions for the august occasion, and then the worm may turn.

They are telling again in London of Lord Roberts' intention to resign from the post of commander-in-chief of the British army. The talk probably grows out of the fact that Lord Roberts is ready to resign whenever his resignation is desired, or even before it is desired, for that matter.

The potato industry promises to succeed in Alaska. Two men at Dyea raised 25,000 bushels this year, and they command $2 a bushel in the markets there. There is more money in this than digging gold.

FROM ALL OVER MICHIGAN.

A Very Mysterious Death In St. Joseph.

A SUIT FOR FIVE MILLIONS.

Congressman Corliss on Cuban Sugar—Must Stay in House of Correction—A Child Wife Indeed—Matters of Note From all Points.

Suit for $5,000,000.

Suit has been filed in Toledo by, Austin B. Fletcher, of New York, on behalf of the creditors and stockholders of the Ann Arbor railroad, against Wellington R. Burt, of Saginaw, president of the road, asking judgment for $5,000,000. The petition avers that Burt, as receiver of the road, mismanaged the property, concealing the amounts of money that he paid for improvements with the intention of depreciating the price of the property in the market in order that he and his associates might buy in the same at a low price. In consequence of his representations it is claimed that Burt and his associates bought it in for $2,627,000. They immediately issued $7,000,000 of bonds against it and $7,250,000 of stock. Plaintiff seeks to recover in his own behalf and in behalf of all the creditors and stockholders the amount of their damage by the sale of the property.

Small Rural Schools.

Among the papers read before the State Teachers' Association in Grand Rapids was one by Superintendent of Public Instruction Delos Fall, in which he stated that: "Last year eighty-three schools in the state had an average attendance of three or less; over 400, an average of seven or less; and nearly 1,000 an average attendance of less than ten. In 1,004 schools containing an enrollment of fifteen pupils the average cost per pupil per month is $4.16. While the average cost per pupil per month in city schools varies, but in no case have we found it more than $1.94."

A St. Joseph Mystery.

Great mystery surrounds the sudden death of James Hidlicka, in St. Joseph Sunday. He was local representative of a machine company and was collecting a few accounts at 5 o'clock. A few minutes later he started toward home and died a few hours later. He was not suffering any disease likely to cause sudden death. This morning Dr. Gowdy, city physician, refused to issue a death certificate before holding a post mortem. Both suicide and murder theories are held, a number of suspicious circumstances backing up each theory.

Corliss on Free Sugar.

Congressman Corliss, at a gathering of his committee in Detroit on Saturday night, said regarding free raw sugar: "I believe that the barrier against Cuban sugar will remain until such time as Cuba will say that she wants to become part of this country. If the present law is allowed to remain, I believe that the American farmer and the American manufacturer will produce all the sugar needed in this country. By the time that Cuba is ready makers of this country will be in condition to take care of themselves."

A Child Wife.

The printed reports of the child wedding at Port Huron have disclosed the fact that Lapeer county can go the youthful couple one better. On June 20 last, Martin E. Rickert, aged 19 years, wedded Miss Anna Clark, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Clark, who was, according to the testimony of friends, about 12 1-2 years old. The couple have been living together happily since, the facts having been suppressed owing to the general esteem in which the young lady's family has been held.

Delayed the Passenger.

An axle on the last car of a Pere Marquette freight gave way near Trowbridge, and the car, swinging from side to side, was dragged into Lansing at a merry clip, the conductor and brakeman being unable to give an alarm, as they were stalled in the caboose, which was left where the break occurred. Cattle guards, switches and the new interlocking system in Lansing were partially wrecked. The wrecking crew from Ionia fixed up the damage, but the passenger train due at 7:50 had to stay at Trowbridge until midnight.

Rochester, N. Y., Wants Him.

Chief Cleary, of Rochester, N. Y., has been notified by Sheriff Little, of Frankfort, Benzie county, Mich., saying that a man named Frank McMahon, alias McNamara, had been arrested there. He is charged with being the third and the last of a gang of robbers who entered the house of Mrs. Louisa French, in Rochester, last October, horribly beat Mrs. French and her sister, Mrs. Alicia Gardner, and robbed them of diamonds valued at $3,000.

Must Have Sobered Him.

A drunken Finlander nearly burned himself to death in the Red Jacket village jail. A night watchman was attracted by his yelling and screaming, and investigation revealed the fact that the jail was on fire. After several minutes' work by the fire department the flames were extinguished and the drunken man rescued. It is thought that he set fire to the jail in his efforts to escape. The fire nearly consumed the building and himself.

More Homestead Lands.

Auditor-General Powers is now deeding to the state land commissioner the delinquent tax lands in Crawford and Roscommon counties, of which it is estimated there are 75,000 acres. These lands will eventually be subject to homestead entry.

Camden now has a volunteer fire department to work the village's recently purchased fire engine.

The St. Joseph & Benton Harbor Street Railway Co. could not get coal, so used cords of ties to keep the power house fire going.

Negaunee is considering a proposition for the sale of the municipal lighting plant to the corporation which now lights Ishpeming.

Julius Moyer, who claims to hail from Detroit, is in the detention hospital at Chicago. He lays claim to several thousand acres of valuable property in Chicago.

L. E. Woodard, proprietor of the Owosso casket works, has decided to rebuild his furniture factory destroyed by fire two years ago.

From reports by persons who hauled the game to the railroads it is computed that 700 deer were killed in Iron county during the season.

She Made a Mistake.

Florence Murphy, aged 20, of St. Joseph, was arrested in a Detroit store where she was working as clerk and taken to the former city. She is said to have mortgaged some furniture belonging to Mrs. Minnie M. Hill, a young widow with whom she lived. Mrs. Hill left St. Joe two months ago when a suit was started against her for breach of promise. Miss Murphy helped her out of town, giving her $50 in money and driving her late at night to Sevensville to catch a train. Miss Murphy claims she mortgaged Mrs. Hill's furniture to get the money back.

His Bride Was Death.

George Griggs, a well-known young man, associated with his father in a billiard and cigar business, died at his parents' home in Port Huron Tuesday of pneumonia, after only a few days' illness. What makes the death especially pathetic is that the young man had made preparations to be married on Christmas day to Miss Eva Vanness, of Chicago. The young lady arrived too late to be recognized by her promised husband. The preparations for the marriage gave way to funeral arrangements.

A Sad Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hitchcock, of Traverse City, with their infant child, spent Christmas Eve with neighbors. When they left for their home, after the Christmas celebration, the babe was apparently well. On their arrival home, the mother was astonished to find that the babe, which she had carried in her arms, was dead. Heart disease is ascribed as the cause of the infant's death.

Must Serve the Term.

The department of justice rejected, without even referring to the president, a petition signed by Gov. Bliss, Congressmen Darragh and Bishop, and several hundred other prominent in Republican politics in upper and western Michigan for the pardon of former Postmaster Miles L. Callaghan, Reed City, now serving a year's sentence in the Detroit House of Correction.

MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.

Lowell is to have a canning factory.

Bay City is to have a potato-starch factory.

Battle Creek's newest industry is a coffin factory.

A municipal skating rink is a Marshall suggestion.

The Michigan Knights of the Grip will meet next year at Battle Creek.

Hesperia merchants will not keep books after this. All must pay cash.

M. M. Roberts, of Adrian, has been connected with the mail service for over 50 years.

Lapeer and Owosso do not expect their beet sugar factories to materialize before 1903.

The Economy Manufacturing & Supply Co., of Augusta, will remove to Battle Creek.

Mrs. R. C. Harrington, aged 92 1-2 years, the oldest resident of Eaton county, is dead.

There are but 10 cases of smallpox at Interlochen, and all apprehension of an epidemic is stayed.

The American Brass & Novelty Co., of Grand Haven, is considering an offer, it is said, to remove its plant to Constantine.

The company which was organized to build a sugar factory at Mt. Pleasant has decided to defer the building of the plant until 1903.

An old negro woman of Adrian has bought a little house for $145 and paid for it in half dollars, every one of them the proceeds of a washing.

The Grand Rapids board of trade is trying to raise $20,000 to build a boat to be operated on Grand river next year. It should have wheels.

Isaac Westboro, a miner at the Newport mine, committed suicide by jumping down a shaft 1,200 feet. He was unmarried and had no relatives.

Marquette has ambitions to become a "convention city," and a project is on foot there to organize a stock company to provide a convention hall.

In his last report Prof. Delos Fall advocates that business colleges should be incorporated and thus placed under the supervision of the state authorities.

Ludington has been in darkness for two weeks owing to an empty treasury. It is hoped to be able to renew the contract for lighting with the new year.

The 2-year-old baby of Mrs. Matt Koskila, of the Wolverine mine, located four miles north of Calumet, fell into a tub of boiling water and was scalded to death.

The township board of Dewitt met and made a change in an electric road franchise, conditioned on the company paying the expense of calling the board together, $7.50.

John Shaw, the oldest patient of the Western Michigan insane asylum at Kalamazoo, is dead at the age of 99 years. He had been an inmate of the institution since 1870.

The body first washed ashore from the Baltimore has been exhumed and identified as that of John Dilgren, second steward, whose mother lives at Fairport Harbor, Ohio.

A flock of sheep belonging to J. S. Burnside, a farmer of Watervliet township, Berrien county, was attacked by dogs Christmas night and twenty-five ewes killed.

The land office of the Grand Rapids & Indiana railroad will close Jan. 1, the 1,000,000 acres given the road thirty years ago to aid its construction having been disposed of.

D. P. Wheeler, cashier of the Citizens' National Bank of Akron, O., was electrocuted Wednesday. His body was found in front of the vault in the bank. It is supposed he touched the socket of an electric lamp while opening the vault door, thus forming a connection.

Mrs. Levi Peterson, of Menekaunee, found her three months' old baby dead in bed with her. The baby was all right at midnight, and it is thought that it smothered to death during the night. The parents were exonerated from all suspicion by Dr. Redling, who said he was satisfied that the child died a natural death.

One of the largest land deals in the history of the upper peninsula has just been reported in Alger county, 100,000 acres of hardwood timber changing hands. The tract was sold by the Lac La Belle Co., of La Porte, Ind., to the Manistique Iron Co., for $212,000. The coke ovens operated in connection with the Manistique concern's furnaces consume 6,000 cords of wood per month, and it was to supply them that the land was acquired. It is figured the timber will last the iron company twenty years.

Street lights have been discontinued in Charlotte, as the council and lighting company could not agree.

Miss Maude Fauth, of Owosso, was accidentally shot by Harmon Knapp, while the two were fooling with a gun. A 32-caliber bullet was imbedded in the girl's leg above the knee.

Ross Allen, aged 13, went in for a swim in the Calumet Y. M. C. A. swimming pool, out of hours, and with no attendant handy. He was found dead in the water some time later.

The Michigan Chemical works in Essexville started its first section of machinery Sunday night in the manufacture of alcohol from the refuse molasses of the sugar factories.

The Albion rooming house keepers are losing many of their best roomers on account of the recent rule of the faculty against male and female students rooming in the same house.

The potato market at Cadillac is practically dead for the present, on account of the inability to secure cars and the fact that all available storage room in the city is completely filled.

Rumors of a second sugar factory at the capital are again current. It is said that the present factory has an over supply of beets, and that there is sufficient acreage to warrant another.

On paying his taxes, a Fairfield resident found himself assessed for $1 dog tax, when he didn't have one. He kicked and found that the supervisor had mistaken a stuffed pug for a live canine.

The Detroit & Charlevoix railroad has commenced the construction of a telephone line along their track from Frederick to Deward, and it will be completed to East Jordan in the spring.

The building operations in Detroit for the year 1901 amount to about $6,000,000, as compared with $5,000,000 for 1892—the previous "banner year." The price of lumber is about the same as in 1892.

An Adrian widow with two children is down with smallpox in its worst form. Complication with pneumonia is threatened. She contracted the disease in the north woods on a visit a week ago.

The Himebaugh Telephone Co. has completed putting in its new telephone line from Olds P. O. to Matteson and Bronson. Farmers along the line have telephone service now, also rural free mail delivery.

Jos. Dunn, Edward Berry, Frank George and Joseph Lytle, who were charged with the robbery of postoffices at Coral and Mulliken, Mich., have been held to United States grand jury consideration, in Toledo.

Thirty-two girls, employed by the Hammond Seed Company, in Bay City, have gone upon a strike for more wages. They ask fifty cents a day and say they will not return to their places until their demands are granted.

Gen. Alger is recovering gradually from the recent surgical operation, but it will probably be a week before he is allowed to see anybody besides members of his family or his business associates on the most important business.

Gov. Bliss says the state will fight the claim of the federal government to $57,000 taken in by the state as tolls for the Soo canal for a period immediately following its construction and while it was still under control of the general government.

Petition has been filed in Probate Court by Roco Romano, of Chicago, for the appointment of Prosecuting Attorney Sampson administrator to the estate of eight Italians killed in the Wabash wreck of Thanksgiving eve. Suits will be begun.

The family of the late Thos. W. Ferry, who have been in rather close circumstances financially ever since the senator's death, bid fair to become wealthy again through the discovery of gold on property bought by the senator in Utah years ago.

For over a week there has not been a single case before the Sault Ste. Marie Police Court, not even a plain drunk having been gathered in by the police. This is a state of affairs unprecedented in the city, and the stone pile is the only reason the authorities can assign for it.

The coal famine is liable to make trouble for farmers who have not yet shipped their sugar beets to the factories. The shortage may compel some of the factories to close down temporarily, and if this is done it will cause considerable inconvenience and loss to the beet growers.

Houghton county records two scalding accidents, resulting in the death of the 3-year-old son of Joseph Colombo, of Coburntown, and the 2-year-old son of Mat Koskila, of the Wolverine mine. In each case the child either fell or was pushed into a tub of boiling water by other children.

Paying off a $3,500 mortgage on a 240-acre farm within a single year, and having enough left to live on, is the record made by a farmer of Summit township, Mason county, the past season. With less than 200 acres of the farm under cultivation, he raised crops of the market value of $4,500.

The hoboes confined in the county jail at Grand Haven are still subsisting on a bread and water diet, rather than patronize the stone pile established by Sheriff Dykhuis. The latter says they will stay in solitary confinement with no other diet until their time expires, unless they change their minds about wielding the hammer.

The telephone users at Owosso have been notified that they will not be charged for one month's service in this quarter because of a poor service rendered during a change in switchboards. It is not the Michigan Telephone Co. which is to be credited for this, however, but the Union Company, as the independent 'phone is styled in that section.

Eva Hawkes, formerly of Jackson, but now of New York, has received a present of $1,000 from Mrs. Morris, daughter of Senator Clark, of Montana. Miss Hawkes will receive this amount annually, as it is the interest on the amount of the provision made for Miss Hawkes in Mrs. Morris' will. Mrs. Morris was a music pupil of Miss Hawkes.

After a new school building had been erected and instruction begun two weeks ago, the school at the Armenia mine location, in Iron county, has been closed. The removal of a number of families left but one child of school age at the place.

Marcus Levin has engaged the services of Capt. T. H. McCormick, of the life-saving station at the Soo canal, to search for the bodies of his two sons and the two sons of Oscar Carlson, drowned in Lake Michigamme Nov. 3. Capt. McCormick will use a marine telescope. The marine telescope is made by placing a plate of glass in the bottom of a boat, through which the bottom of a lake, no matter how deep, may be seen by throwing a cloth over the head so that the light is shut out.

The pastor of the Lansing African M. E. church recently furnished his congregation with a feast of 'possum.

FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Does Germany Want a Brush With Uncle Sam?

CHINA PRERARING FOR WAR.

Mrs. Dennis Keeps Washington Guessing—A Brides Long Journey—A Multitude of Major and Minor Things Briefly Told.

Does Germany Seek Trouble?

Nine out of ten naval officers on duty in Washington believe that, if Germany ever raises her flag in Venezuela the emperor will never leave until his soldiers and sailors are driven out. On account of rigid instructions against interviews, it is impossible to get any expressions, but this represents the sentiment. There is more than a little suppressed excitement in army and navy circles on account of the prospect of Germany landing sailors to collect the money due the emperor. There is a conviction among many in the navy that Germany has a chip on her shoulder and is waiting for the United States to knock it off. This impression undoubtedly is gained from the intercourse of American officers with the Germans and with the naval officers of other nations who meet the Germans on sea and land.

Now for Festivities.

Preparations for the opening of parliament are already advanced. Their majesties will use a gilded state coach and follow the same route as in February last. The queen and the ladies of the court will appear in colors and jewels. The applications for the privilege of attending the ceremony are more numerous than on the last occasion. The announcement of King Edward's intention to open parliament in full state and the intimation from the lord chamberlain that peeresses will not be expected to wear mourning on that occasion insures a brilliant pageant Jan. 16, and the commencement of a period of activity and costly entertainment from then until the climax is reached in the coronation ceremony in June.

Mrs. Dennis Is Silent.

Additional mystery is thrown about the case of Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis, the wealthy Washington modiste who was the victim of a murderous assault in her home two weeks ago, by her refusal to give any information to the authorities, although she has been restored to complete consciousness. She will give no reason for her silence and does not deny that she knows the identity of her assailant. She declared that she would not be questioned about the assault until she has fully recovered. Mrs. Dennis is stubbornly silent upon the suicide of Samuel Crawford Presley, an employe of the government printing office, who took his life in the house adjoining that in which Mrs. Dennis lives.

China Prepares for War.

Chas. F. Garman, of the American Bible Society in Northern China, writes of the quantities of arms and ammunition now being brought into China and says: "For centuries China has been making repeated attempts to expel the foreigner, each time profiting by past experience, each time with more power and success, each time better equipped and better planned. China is now preparing, as never before, buying vast quantities of superior weapons and reorganizing armies on a correct basis. Therefore, the next attempt will be gigantic in force and terrible in execution. It will result in a universal upheaval and the final dismemberment of this empire—at a terrible cost."

A Bride's Long Journey.

On January 9 Miss Mary Elizabeth Miller, one of the most popular young society women of Cecil county, Maryland, will leave her family to sail for Yenangyung, India, a distance of 13,000 miles, where she will become a bride. Last summer Miss Miller and James Moore met in Cherry Hill, the former residence of both young people. It was a case of love at first sight. Before Mr. Moore's four weeks' vacation ended, the couple were engaged. He was obliged to return to his work in India, and Miss Miller agreed to follow him this winter.

Roosevelt and Schley.

It has been recalled in recent discussions of the Schley-Sampson controversy, that President Roosevelt is the "original Schley man." Immediately after the naval battle of Santiago, Roosevelt enthusiastically and with particular emphasis declared that to Schley belonged the glory of the victory. Lieut. John Doyle, U. S. V., now serving in the Philippines, was the bearer of the message. He is a brother of Wm. H. Doyle, collector of internal revenue at Philadelphia under Cleveland. Roosevelt gave him a verbal message, which was overheard by several persons.

A Duel Wanted.

P. T. Farnsworth, a Kentuckian, has sent a challenge to Desha Breckenridge, son of the former congressman, to fight a duel. He has heard that Desha circulated a report in Lexington, Ky., that he had left town because he was afraid of Desha's father. When he heard the report he immediately wrote out a challenge and sent it to Henry Duncan, son of Mayor Duncan, asking him to arrange a duel with Smith & Wesson No. 38 pistols.

Must Hustle for Trade.

There is a large and ever increasing number of thoughtful and well-informed people in Great Britain, who express the serious belief that if radical changes do not come about in the near future, the United Kingdom will be relegated to third position in the ranks of the world's trade and commerce.

Former President Grover Cleveland has accepted appointment to the industrial department of the national civic federation, created at the recent peace conference of labor and capitalistic leaders.

A. J. Ayres, a young messenger of the Union bank, of Brooklyn, who disappeared recently with $2,000 of the bank's money, has been arrested in Montreal.

The premature explosion of a small cannon during a charivari at the residence of Wm. Gottner, near Galion, O., resulted in the serious injury of five young men. John Gottner, one of the five, may lose his eyesight.

A woman known as "Frances Ross," who is supposed to have escaped from a Portland, Oregon, convent, was adjudged insane at Chicago, experts testifying that the young woman is suffering from religious melancholia.

Bloody Fight in a Church.

Six men were probably fatally wounded in a general fight at a small country church at Pike Postoffice, O., Christmas night, and a panic took place among the worshipers. During a religious meeting Charles and Orrin Day appeared and announced that they had "come to clean out the Leggs," a family with which the Days had frequent quarrels.

A general fight resulted in the church and around it. Women and children shrieked and sought safety from revolvers and knives by jumping from the windows. Only the minister, Rev. Mr. Rowe, remained. At the close of the battle six men lay wounded, Orrin and Charles Day, Wesley Legg, Jos. Williams, John Currant and Lebanon Williams. It is believed the six men will die. Many others were slightly injured.

The Engineer Knew His Business.

The Southwestern limited, the fastest passenger train on the Big Four system, was miraculously saved from being wrecked near Kansas, Edgar county. Engineer William White was pulling 8 coaches, heavily laden with holiday passengers, at the rate of 60 miles an hour. Coming down a grade near Adin Baber's stock farm, the engineer saw a herd of 200 cattle being driven over the track.

It was too late to stop. With remarkable presence of mind, White pulled the throttle wide open, and going at terrific speed, the engine struck the herd in the middle, grinding 10 animals to pieces, heads, hoofs and bodies being thrown hundreds of feet. The engine pilot and coach steps were torn off and the whole train splashed with blood. Only the train's great speed kept it on the track.

Ex-President Cleveland.

"The reports that have been published in relation to Mr. Cleveland's condition have apparently been construed as indicating his entire recovery. This is shown by a renewal of all sorts of applications for all sorts of things which can hardly be considered even by a man in robust health. He has already received several epistolary chastisements at the hands of those who are impatiently awaiting for answers to letters which should never have been written. While Mr. Cleveland's health is such as to entirely relieve his friends from any apprehension, he is yet far from well and has not been able to leave his room for nearly five weeks."

De Wet Surprises Them.

"Gen. Rundle reports that the night of December 24, Col. Firman's camp at Zeefontein, consisting of three companies of yeomanry and two guns, was successfully rushed by a strong commando under De Wet. It is feared the casualties were heavy. Two regiments of light horse are pursuing the Boers." Col. Firman's force probably amounted to 400 men, and the disaster, especially the loss of the guns, the possession of which may enable De Wet successfully to attack the block houses, creates a disturbing impression.

Washington Tempest-Tossed.

A terrific gale struck, says a Seattle dispatch, this section of the country Wednesday night and continued throughout Thursday. Much damage was done in this city. Along the north end of the water front where wind and wave had full sweep the breakers washed away eight houses. The occupants barely escaped. Heavy damage is reported in Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia and Montana. Conductor Charles King was blown from a freight train in Idaho and crushed to death in a gorge.

Governor Shaw Accepts.

Gov. Shaw, of Des Moines, Ia., has accepted the president's tender of the treasury portfolio, to succeed Secretary Lyman T. Gage. The governor's term as chief executive of Iowa will not expire until January 16, when Gov.-Elect Cummins will be inaugurated. Gov. Shaw will hardly be able to take up the duties of secretary of the treasury before January 20.

News in Brief.

It is generally admitted at Buenos Ayres that the difficulties between Chile and Argentina have been ended.

Chief Wilkie, of the secret service, has issued a circular stating that a counterfeit $20 gold certificate is in circulation.

John Vancata, of Cleveland, O., killed himself Wednesday after eating his Christmas dinner. He brooded over the fact that his son was in an insane asylum.

New York's January disbursements of dividends is expected to be about $150,000,000 and Boston's $35,000,000. More wool is to be shorn from the lambs.

John J. Kelly, former member of the New Jersey assembly from Bordentown, was found dead in bed in Jersey City. Death was caused by inhaling illuminating gas.

The Taff Vale railway of England has sued the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants for $100,000 damages suffered through an alleged conspiracy and unlawful combination.

Mayor Diehl has formally removed City Treasurer Philip Gerst, of Buffalo, after concluding the investigation into charges against him of misconduct in office in misappropriating funds of the city.

In the ambuscade near Reginderyn, Orange River Colony, December 21, of 200 mounted infantry by 300 Boers and 40 armed natives, led by Commandant Britz, the British losses were 10 men killed and 15 wounded.

The German government has decided to attach agricultural experts to the more important German consulates. The first of these experts will be sent to the United States, whose agricultural developments are being more carefully observed now than formerly.

The annual report of Maj.-Gen. Elwell S. Otis, commander of the department of the lakes, calls attention to an increase in the number of desertions and the need for additional room for confining military prisoners. There are at present 135 prisoners at the various posts, the majority of them being charged with desertion.

The Pawnee Indians in Oklahoma territory have been dancing and holding a pow wow for several days. They claim that vast herds of buffalo are coming back to this country, and many of the Indians have notified the white lessees to vacate their ranches at once as they wish to lay the fences low so the buffalo will have full sway of the country.

From the false bottom of an old chest, which had been in his family for more than 30 years, John McDonald, of Philadelphia, recovered a collection of 563 old English and American gold coins valued at upwards of $5,000.

CONGRESS.

The one real mystery in the legislative programme is Cuban sugar. It is now reported by a Republican senator who is vitally interested in sugar that Senators Aldrich and Lodge have declared that the tariff on Cuban sugar must come down. This senator was Mr. Perkins, of California, representing powerful beet sugar interests.

The convictions of these two men do not harmonise with the ultra protective sentiment of the senate. The supporters of the Dingley tariff say that the beet sugar interests should be protected, too, and that the Cuban sugar business should take care of itself.

On the other hand Mr. Burrows, who represents the Republican tariff and protective principle as well as any man in public life, says that there should be no reduction in sugar tariffs and that the beets should be protected to the last.

Sampson's Mind Blank.

Mrs. Sampson writing a friend in Champaign, Ill., says: "Admiral Sampson is too ill to really understand your most kind letter, just received, but if he were well, he would wish to thank you for it, he cares so much for all 'old times' and for anything that concerns Palmyra.

"The wording of your letter shows that living in the west has not blinded your eyes to the truth concerning recent events. I have enjoyed your expression of the true facts as you understand them.

"My dear husband is quite worn out with a long life of concentrated duty. Physically he is comfortable and happy, but the brain is tired beyond ever being rested."

Fought Hand-to-Hand.

Capt. Schoeffel, with a detachment of 18 men of Company E., Ninth infantry, at Dapday, Island of Samar, was attacked by a large force of bolomen. A severe hand-to-hand fight ensued, in which a sergeant, a corporal and five privates were killed. Capt. Schoeffel was wounded, but not dangerously. Five privates were dangerously and one slightly wounded. No property was lost. The enemy was finally repulsed with heavy loss.

AMUSEMENTS IN DETROIT.

WEEK ENDING JAN. 4.

DETROIT OPERA—"Captain Jinks"—Evenings at 8; Wednesday Matinee at 2.

LYCEUM THEATER—"Sis Hopkins"—Saturday Mat., 25c; Eve., 15, 25, 50 and 75.

WHITNEY GRAND—"On the Suwanee River"—Mat. 10c, 15c and 25c. Evenings, 10c, 20c, 30c.

WONDERLAND—Afternoons at 2 and 4; 10c, 15c and 25c. Eve. at 7:30 and 9:15; 10c, 15c and 25c.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit—Cattle: Light to good butcher steers, $3 75@4 75; light to good butcher steers and heifers, $3 40@4 50; mixed butchers and fat cows, $3 00@4 00; canners and common thin butchers, $2 00@2 85; bulls, light to good butchers and sausage, $3 50@3 50; stockers and light feeders, $3 00@3 85; veal calves active at $4 50@6 50 per 100 lbs. Sheep—Best lambs, $5 25@5 50; light to good and good mixed lots, $3 50@5 15; fair to good mixed and butcher sheep, $2 50@3 50; culls and common, $2 00@2 40. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $5 90@5 96; bulk at $5 95; pigs and light yorkers, $5 50@5 85; stags, 1-3 off; roughs, $5 25@5 35.

Chicago—Cattle: Good to prime, $6 40@7 55; poor to medium, $3 75@6 00; stockers and feeders, $2 00@4 25; cows, $1 00@6 50; heifers, $1 50@5 25; canners, $1 00@2 20; bulls, $1 75@4 20; calves, $2 50@6 00; Texas fed steers, $3 12½@4 12½. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, $5 80@6 35; good to choice heavy, $6 25@6 60; rough heavy, $5 90@6 15; light, $5 25@5 90; bulk of sales, $5 80@6 35. Sheep—Good to choice wethers, $3 70@4 50; western sheep, $3 00@4 25; native lambs, $2 50@5 85.

Buffalo—Cattle: Firm at past week's prices; veals, $6@8. Hogs—Heavy, $6 50@6 60; mixed packers, $6 25@6 40; pigs, $5 25@5 40; roughs, $5 25@5 60; stags, $4@4 50. Sheep—Natives, $5 65@5 75; culls to good, $4@5 60; Canadas, $5 40@5 50; sheep firm; tops, mixed, $3 45@3 65; culls to good, $1 50@3 40; wethers, $3 75@4; yearlings, $3 70.

Cincinnati—Cattle: Heavy steers choice to extra $5 50@5 75; fair to good, $4 65@5 40; oxen, $2@4 35; butchers' steers choice, $4 90@5 15; fair to good, $3 75@4 50; heifers good to choice, $3 85@4 25; common to fair, $2 50@3 75; cows good to choice, $3 40@4; fair to medium, $2 35@3 25; canners, $1 50@2 25; stockers and feeders, $2 50@4 50. Hogs—Good to choice packers, $6 10@6 15; mixed packers, $5 65@6 05; common to choice heavy fat sows, $4@6; stags, $3 50@4 75; light shippers, $5 10@5 50; pigs, 110 lbs and less, $4 25@5. Sheep—Extra $3 15@3 35; good to choice, $2 50@3 10; common to fair, $1 25@2 40; yearling wethers, $3 50@3 85; lambs, good to choice, $4 25@4 75; common to fair, $3 25@4.

Pittsburg—Cattle: Choice, $6@6 30; prime, $5 70@5 90; good, $5 20@5 50. Hogs—Prime heavies, $6 30@6 40; heavy mediums, $6 05@6 15; light mediums, $5 95@6 10; heavy Yorkers, $5 [illegible]@5 90; light Yorkers, $5 50@7 50; pigs, $5@5 10. Sheep—Best wethers, $3 75@4; good, $3 25@3 60; mixed, $2 50@3 10; culls and common, $1@2; yearlings, $3@4 10; lambs, $3@5 35; veal calves, $6 50@7 50.

Grain, Etc.

Detroit—Wheat: No 1 white, 92c; No 2 red, 89¾c; No 3 red, 88c; mixed winter, 89¾c; closing at 90c per bu. Corn—Inactive and steady at [illegible]@68¾c per bu. Oats—No 2 white, 50c; No 3 do, 49c per bu.

Chicago—Wheat: No 3 spring wheat, 77½@79c; No 2 red, 86@87½c; No 2 yellow corn, 65¼@66c; No 2 oats, 46½@47c; No 2 white, 48¾@49c; No 3 white, 48¼@49c.

New York—Wheat: Spot firm; No 2 red, 89¼c f o b afloat; No 2 red, 87½c elevator; No 1 northern Duluth, 88c f o b afloat; No 1 hard Duluth, 96c f o b afloat. Corn—No 2, 71c elevator and 71¼c f o b afloat. Oats—No 2, 52c; No 3 51c; No 2 white, 54½c; No 3 white, 54c; track mixed western, 52@62½c; track white, 53@57c.

Cincinnati—Wheat: No 2 winter red is quotable at 88½c on track. Corn—No 2 white is quotable at 71c; No 2 yellow at 70½c and No 2 mixed at 70c. Oats—No 2 white, 51½c; No 2 mixed at 50c; mixed by sample at 45c, on track.

Visible Grain Supply.

Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies since last report: Wheat: United States and Canada east of the Rockies, increased 400,000 bu; afloat for and in Europe, decreased 1,000,000 bu; total supply decreased 600,000 bu. Corn: United States and Canada east of the Rockies, increased 178,000 bu. Oats: United States and Canada east of the Rockies, increased 64,000 bu. Among the more important increases reported are those of 500,000 bu. at northwestern interior elevators, 335,000 bu. at Omaha, 331,000 bu. at Chicago elevators and 137,000 bu. at St. Joseph. The leading increases are those of 200,000 bu. in Manitoba, 85,000 bu. at Newport News, 55,000 bu. at Port Huron and 53,000 bu. at Coteau.

The business section of Dunlow, W. Va., burned Monday night. Loss, $75,000.

Andrew Carnegie has given Nyack, N. Y., $15,000 for a public library building.

By a gas explosion at the plate glass factory at Kokomo, Ind., Zachariah Chapman was killed and several other workmen were injured. The pot house was wrecked.

Eli J. Jamieson, aged 82, state brigadier general I. O. O. F., uniformed rank, of Indiana, widely known and who had been active in political life for 40 years, is dead.

Andrew Pavik, a miner at Fairfax, Wash., was killed by the explosion of a stick of dynamite. Both his arms were blown off, the flesh was ripped off his feet and the force of the explosion blew every stitch of clothing off his body. In this frightful condition Pavik lingered for nearly six hours.

Dave Payne broke jail at Benton, Tenn., and escaped to the mountains. Mrs. Payne became seriously ill and Payne's brother went for her husband. The men quarreled on the way home. Wm. Flannigan, who interfered, was fatally shot by Dave Payne, who in turn was killed by Flannigan. On hearing of the tragedy Mrs. Payne died.