

THE CHILD IS BORN.

(Continued from Fifth Page.)

dozen squabbles and uproarious rioting, but as Sherman everything stopped short. Mr. Anderson cast the five votes of the township for Boone and immediately three German delegates and about thirty able bodied American men who had thirty pairs of magnificent lungs were on their feet protesting and all shouting at the same time, of course. Governor Glenn pounded the table with his goose-necked case for ten minutes before he could get order. It was then learned that the three Germans wanted to vote for Amidon, but Mr. Anderson stated that the five delegates from the township had written instructions to vote for Boone first, last and all the time. The jangle was terrible and finally the question was asked to decide on the question whether the instructions were binding and he decided they were unless the convention reached another otherwise. Great excitement followed this and the instructions were called for. They could not be produced and Sherman township was passed over. The result of this ballot was that no one received a majority vote. Judge Shields withdrew from the race and another ballot was ordered. When Sherman township was reached again, the same question came up and the same fight followed. Mr. Anderson however, had the written instructions in his hand, and the votes of Sherman were counted for Boone. During the wrangle Governor Glenn got hot because he couldn't get order, and likened the delegates to a flock of geese, although a herd of howling Derivishes would be a nicer comparison. He finally told them that if they did not come to order he would decline to preside further over the convention and let the fact go abroad to the world that Democrats had no respect for their chairman. Ed O'Bryan came to the rescue of the veteran Democrat and succeeded in throwing oil on the troubled waters. When order was restored the third ballot was taken, with the following result: Boone 68%, Amidon 49% and Blake 7; necessary to a choice 63. When the vote was announced some enthusiastic Democrats picked Boone up and bore him on their shoulders to the platform, when he made a short speech. In the first ballot Amidon lacked only 2% of getting the nomination. On motion a committee of nine was ordered to be appointed by the chair, three from each district, to constitute a central committee, after which the convention was adjourned.

MASS MEETING WOMAN'S COLUMBIAN CLUB.

The Woman's Columbian club, wishing to take advantage of the presence in the city of Mrs. Robert Mitchell and Mrs. Lewis Hauback, of the state board of commissioners for the world's fair, hereby issue a call to a mass meeting of teachers, industrial women and all others who are interested in the plan of the Woman's Dormitory association, to "provide lodging, cleanly and safe, for 40 cents a day" during the world's fair. The president of the club has been in correspondence with the women at headquarters in Chicago, and is now prepared to answer all questions and satisfy all inquirers. For the benefit of those who are not informed in this matter, we will state that the Woman's Dormitory association, Mrs. Matilda B. Carse, president, and Mrs. Helen M. Barker secretary, propose erecting five dormitories, four for women exclusively, and one for families, exclusively. These are to be frame buildings, each to accommodate 1,250 women. The rooms will be single with single beds, double with double beds, and double with two single beds, furnished with woven wire mattresses, feather pillows, rocking chairs, mirrors, bed clothing and toilet articles. One dollar and fifty cents will cover all expenses for a day. Entrance fee 50 cents, lodging 40 cents, breakfast 20 cents, lunch 19 cents and dinner 30 cents. One share of stock costs \$10.00, transferable in whole or in part, and entitling the holder to twenty-five days' lodging in one of the dormitory buildings. Those who desire to take stock or to learn more in regard to this interesting matter will do well to attend the mass meeting, this evening at 8 o'clock sharp at the city building. The time for subscribing for stock is short—the books will be closed September 1, and no time is to be lost. Those who do not take stock now will regret it. The meeting will be addressed by Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Hauback and others. To meet at the city building at 8 o'clock sharp.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

WICHITA, KAN., Aug. 8, 1892. (OFFICIAL.) The council met in regular session. Mayor Carey absent. Mr. Goode, president of the council, assumed the chair. All councilmen present except Mr. Horner and Johnson.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Faries stated that there were complaints regarding the dog catcher not doing his duty.

On motion of the board of health regarding the nuisance caused by the packing houses running waste water into the public streets, read and on motion of Mr. Allen received and adopted and ordered that health committee investigate matter further.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the railroad committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

A TICKET NAMED.

(Continued from Fifth Page.)

man be chosen from each voting precinct in the county and each ward in the city. The following were chosen: At-large—C. Vaughsen. At-large—H. Hood. Delano—H. D. Compton. Eagle—North, E. J. Smith. Eagle—South, Elias Rutledge. Grant—C. W. Wilson. Greeley—North, G. W. Ball. Greeley—South, H. George. Grand River—Frank Seger. Garden Plain—North, H. L. Holland. Garden Plain—South, J. J. Jones. Gillespie—J. Gillespie. Kechi—Fred Saur. Lincoln—J. D. Smith. Minneba—E. Coolidge. Moravia—J. D. Foster. Payne—G. W. Tice. Rockford, Mulvane—W. Parker. Rockford—North, E. High. Salina—M. H. Church. Sherman—L. A. Townsend. Union—H. Perry. Valley Center—North—R. Gamp. Valley Center—South—Asa Bishop. Viola—J. W. Porter. Waco—J. M. Burr. Wichita—C. L. Ball.

Wichita City—First ward, G. W. Peters; Second ward, W. Campbell; Third ward, I. P. Campbell; Fourth ward, G. S. Muller; Fifth ward, S. L. Johnson; Sixth ward, R. R. Sletten; C. L. Ball.

Nominations for county superintendent of public instruction being in order, Mrs. Anna M. Taylor of Wichita, J. V. Colville of Salem township, W. A. Jacques of Wichita, M. H. Bruce and Amos Buras of the West Side were in nomination.

Before the nominations for probate judge were made, the clerk read the minutes for the previous meeting.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

On motion of Mr. Caswell, referred to the public improvement committee.

MAY SCOURGE A WORLD.

Course of the Cholera Epidemic in Asia and Europe.

Its First Appearance on the Persian Frontier—It Ravages India in the South and Attacks Russia on the North—How Contagion is Prevented.

(Copyright, 1892.) It is now two months since the cholera first made its appearance at Djami, an unimportant place on the frontier line between Afghanistan and Persia, and the little flame of apprehension then kindled has since spread to a degree that has filled all Europe with alarm.

The possible danger to which the United States has thus become exposed through the channels of immigration that discharge their currents within its borders creates a natural and widespread American interest in the subject. In spite of all efforts made to stem the danger, at the present writing it has assumed and retains a more formidable aspect than ever before. The extension of the trouble into Russia, where it first took root and which we must now consider the most prolific source of danger to the United States, is a matter of the greatest importance. The Russian version of the matter in preference to those necessarily garbled accounts which filter into our newspapers through English sources.

The truth is that we must seek for the birthplace of the cholera epidemic within the confines of British India or at least in those sections of the Indian empire which are practically under British control. In Russia a grave suspicion exists that the English resident, Cabul, in Afghanistan, knows more of the true inwardness of the difficulty than he or his superiors have ever been willing to admit. As early as the 30th of April last several cases of cholera were reported in the valley of the Helmand, a river that flows between Kandahar and the Persian frontier.

The British resident hearing of the outbreak sent a cipher dispatch to the government officials at Calcutta, whence instructions were forwarded to Lahore directing the shipment of disinfectants in quantities to the Anglo-Afghan border. No public explanation was made for this action, as it was considered inadvisable to keep matters quiet. Meanwhile the Russian government of Samarkand, Count Rostoff, received information which gave him reasonable cause to form the conclusion that the cholera patients were being quietly carried over to Persian territory from Afghanistan and there left to shift for themselves.

In seeking to trace the origin of the trouble it must fairly be admitted that the Transcasian railway, notwithstanding its manifest advantage, has from the start favored the dissemination of disease. It traverses a desert region which before its construction acted as a barrier between Russia and Asia, effectually shutting off the possibility of transmitting disease. Now that the railway is an accomplished fact, connecting the Central Asian and European provinces of Russia, it is perfectly easy for infection to be carried to and fro. Baku, the great port on the eastern side of the Caspian sea, has proved in the present instance the first step of the contagion. Being the western terminus of the Transcasian railway system, it is the entrepot of commerce between Asiatic and European Russia, and its malign influence as a center of infection can scarcely be underestimated.

The writer's knowledge of the town suggests some interesting details, which are especially timely. It is a populous city, containing a distinctly "floating" population. They come and go, successively seeking, finding and abandoning the employment which is there obtainable in connection with the great petroleum springs and the railroad freight sheds. They are mainly composed of Persians, Bokharians, Khivans, Turcomans and the most respectable description of low class Hebrews. The prevailing racial character there is Asiatic, and it is superfluous to say that it carries with it the inevitable accompaniment of uncleanness. There is thus confronting the observer of social conditions in Baku a state of affairs which, apart from its individual interest, supplies a general key to the position Russia occupies toward other nations in the face of the present cholera crisis. Here we find a congregation of human souls which herds amid almost indescribably horrible sanitary surroundings and amidst other nations by reason of its migratory tendency. The petroleum industry subordinates all other commercial interests to its predominant claims. Even the common necessities of sanitation are disregarded in the pursuit of gain, and the largest employers of labor—the Nobel brothers, who principally control the output of the oil wells, are comparatively indifferent to the condition of their employes. Perhaps they cannot be criticised very sharply for this, because these are dealing with a class of men practically unamenable to considerations of decency, as understood by Aryan peoples. The town of Baku is almost destitute of drainage, and apart from the few government buildings it contains forms a collection of poor and squalid dwellings overcrowded with their miserable tenants.

Many drastic measures have been taken along the Russo-Persian and Afghan frontiers, and numerous fugitives severe storms had passed over this section and uprooted a number of trees. Three young men, while examining the hole made by the uprooting of a large oak tree, noticed the corner of a box protruding from the earth and on opening it found, besides the above value in money, many small pieces of foreign metal.

It is now two months since the cholera first made its appearance at Djami, an unimportant place on the frontier line between Afghanistan and Persia, and the little flame of apprehension then kindled has since spread to a degree that has filled all Europe with alarm.

The possible danger to which the United States has thus become exposed through the channels of immigration that discharge their currents within its borders creates a natural and widespread American interest in the subject.

In seeking to trace the origin of the trouble it must fairly be admitted that the Transcasian railway, notwithstanding its manifest advantage, has from the start favored the dissemination of disease.

The writer's knowledge of the town suggests some interesting details, which are especially timely. It is a populous city, containing a distinctly "floating" population.

Even the common necessities of sanitation are disregarded in the pursuit of gain, and the largest employers of labor—the Nobel brothers, who principally control the output of the oil wells, are comparatively indifferent to the condition of their employes.

Perhaps they cannot be criticised very sharply for this, because these are dealing with a class of men practically unamenable to considerations of decency, as understood by Aryan peoples.

It is now two months since the cholera first made its appearance at Djami, an unimportant place on the frontier line between Afghanistan and Persia, and the little flame of apprehension then kindled has since spread to a degree that has filled all Europe with alarm.

SCALE BOOKS! SPECIAL.

Our Scale Books are Printed on Good Paper.

THREE FORMS. STANDARD, HOWE AND FAIRBANKS!

When ordering state WHAT form is wanted.



FUGITIVES FROM THE FEET ON THE AFGHAN FRONTIER.

he was accompanied by a Cossack escort. The sirdar invited him to join his cortege, which was just starting on a tour of inspection, and proposed that they could thus obtain an opportunity of the general situation. The sirdar's invariable custom was to travel in company with his three wives, and the first night the entire party camped together amid some ancient ruins for the purpose of enjoying a much-needed rest.

Now, it so happened that the Russian doctor went to bed in an unusually exalted state of mind, consequently upon too generous indulgence in the hospitality of the sirdar's table. During the night the watchful Afghan sentries descried a white object crawling stealthily in the direction of the tent occupied by the sirdar's wives. They ran toward the mysterious object and cautiously followed in its wake. They had not long to wait before the figure, which was that of a man, clad in scanty undergarments, reached the ladies' tent and attempted to pass under it, much in the fashion of the small boy who seeks a surreptitious view of a circus show. The instant the ghostly form betrayed its full design a sentry jabbed it in the rear with his hooked spear, when a sharp cry rang out and the wounded man rolled on his back. The slight injury, however, that he had sustained, was nothing to the disgrace of the exposure, for the culprit was none other than the Russian medical officer himself. The sentries would not allow him to go back to his tent, but held him prisoner till daybreak and had it not been for the interference of the Cossack escort, peeping Tom would have fared badly.

Still funnier is the story lately current in Baku concerning the archaic practice there of leaving the carcasses of animals to rot in the streets without being removed. Some highly disrespectful person saw fit to deposit during the small hours, right in front of the archemandrite's residence, the dead body of a mule. To make matters worse, it was clear that the animal had been dead for some time and its condition was correspondingly offensive. Official dignity was outraged and the entire staff of the archemandrite's servants was hastily summoned to the scene with orders to speedily remove the remains. They all responded to the call of duty with one exception, the cook, and he flung defiance to perform any such degrading duty. "What?" he exclaimed, "turn me, a trained and high-priced disciple of Vatel, into a scavenger of street refuse? Never! death would be preferable to such dishonor." The archemandrite, enraged at this refusal, went to the

length of threatening the obstinate cook with corporal punishment till the latter finally gave in and took his part in removing the mule. Next day the family of the archemandrite were served at dinner with a dish which emitted a very suspicious odor. It was highly, even extravagantly, seasoned. The cook was interrogated as to its composition, and replied that it was a ragout of English jugged hare and had been purposely allowed to become "high" before its preparation for the table. The dish was partaken of by the diners were soon attacked with serious symptoms. Suspicion being directed to the cook, this worthy, after due coercion, confessed that from motives of revenge for having been forced to remove the mule, he had secretly cut off a piece of the tainted flesh and by the exercise of all the ingenuity of his art had succeeded in making a palatable dish for the family table. He is now on his way to the Tobolsk penal settlement for a prolonged term.

—Ex-Senator George W. Jones, of Iowa, to whom a pension is likely to be granted by the government for services in the war of 1813 and in the Black Hawk war, is an interesting survivor of the old-time politician. He is now eighty-eight years old, but remarkably well preserved, and noted still for the courtesy of manner that has always distinguished him.

—Egless needles, ready threaded, grow in northern Mexico and southern Arizona. The mescal plant furnishes long leaves with sharp-pointed, waxy ends, and when the soft part of the plant is removed, and the fiber stretched out to any desired degree of fineness and dried in the sun, the lucky Mexican or Arizonian has no trouble about threading her needles.

—A box containing \$18,800 was found near Payne, Ind., a day or two ago. A severe storm had passed over this section and uprooted a number of trees. Three young men, while examining the hole made by the uprooting of a large oak tree, noticed the corner of a box protruding from the earth and on opening it found, besides the above value in money, many small pieces of foreign metal.

—A short time after this a policeman has been selected for the post because his record seemed to point him out as well fitted for the place, came on the platform after a train arrived and began examining packages. The agent told him courteously to leave. The policeman refused, and after a few words the agent hit him on the head with a stick. "What?" he exclaimed, "turn me, a trained and high-priced disciple of Vatel, into a scavenger of street refuse? Never! death would be preferable to such dishonor." The archemandrite, enraged at this refusal, went to the

length of threatening the obstinate cook with corporal punishment till the latter finally gave in and took his part in removing the mule. Next day the family of the archemandrite were served at dinner with a dish which emitted a very suspicious odor. It was highly, even extravagantly, seasoned. The cook was interrogated as to its composition, and replied that it was a ragout of English jugged hare and had been purposely allowed to become "high" before its preparation for the table. The dish was partaken of by the diners were soon attacked with serious symptoms. Suspicion being directed to the cook, this worthy, after due coercion, confessed that from motives of revenge for having been forced to remove the mule, he had secretly cut off a piece of the tainted flesh and by the exercise of all the ingenuity of his art had succeeded in making a palatable dish for the family table. He is now on his way to the Tobolsk penal settlement for a prolonged term.

—Egless needles, ready threaded, grow in northern Mexico and southern Arizona. The mescal plant furnishes long leaves with sharp-pointed, waxy ends, and when the soft part of the plant is removed, and the fiber stretched out to any desired degree of fineness and dried in the sun, the lucky Mexican or Arizonian has no trouble about threading her needles.

—A box containing \$18,800 was found near Payne, Ind., a day or two ago. A severe storm had passed over this section and uprooted a number of trees. Three young men, while examining the hole made by the uprooting of a large oak tree, noticed the corner of a box protruding from the earth and on opening it found, besides the above value in money, many small pieces of foreign metal.

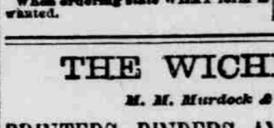
—A short time after this a policeman has been selected for the post because his record seemed to point him out as well fitted for the place, came on the platform after a train arrived and began examining packages. The agent told him courteously to leave. The policeman refused, and after a few words the agent hit him on the head with a stick. "What?" he exclaimed, "turn me, a trained and high-priced disciple of Vatel, into a scavenger of street refuse? Never! death would be preferable to such dishonor." The archemandrite, enraged at this refusal, went to the

SCALE BOOKS! SPECIAL.

Our Scale Books are Printed on Good Paper.

THREE FORMS. STANDARD, HOWE AND FAIRBANKS!

When ordering state WHAT form is wanted.



FUGITIVES FROM THE FEET ON THE AFGHAN FRONTIER.

he was accompanied by a Cossack escort. The sirdar invited him to join his cortege, which was just starting on a tour of inspection, and proposed that they could thus obtain an opportunity of the general situation. The sirdar's invariable custom was to travel in company with his three wives, and the first night the entire party camped together amid some ancient ruins for the purpose of enjoying a much-needed rest.

Now, it so happened that the Russian doctor went to bed in an unusually exalted state of mind, consequently upon too generous indulgence in the hospitality of the sirdar's table. During the night the watchful Afghan sentries descried a white object crawling stealthily in the direction of the tent occupied by the sirdar's wives. They ran toward the mysterious object and cautiously followed in its wake. They had not long to wait before the figure, which was that of a man, clad in scanty undergarments, reached the ladies' tent and attempted to pass under it, much in the fashion of the small boy who seeks a surreptitious view of a circus show. The instant the ghostly form betrayed its full design a sentry jabbed it in the rear with his hooked spear, when a sharp cry rang out and the wounded man rolled on his back. The slight injury, however, that he had sustained, was nothing to the disgrace of the exposure, for the culprit was none other than the Russian medical officer himself. The sentries would not allow him to go back to his tent, but held him prisoner till daybreak and had it not been for the interference of the Cossack escort, peeping Tom would have fared badly.

Still funnier is the story lately current in Baku concerning the archaic practice there of leaving the carcasses of animals to rot in the streets without being removed. Some highly disrespectful person saw fit to deposit during the small hours, right in front of the archemandrite's residence, the dead body of a mule. To make matters worse, it was clear that the animal had been dead for some time and its condition was correspondingly offensive. Official dignity was outraged and the entire staff of the archemandrite's servants was hastily summoned to the scene with orders to speedily remove the remains. They all responded to the call of duty with one exception, the cook, and he flung defiance to perform any such degrading duty. "What?" he exclaimed, "turn me, a trained and high-priced disciple of Vatel, into a scavenger of street refuse? Never! death would be preferable to such dishonor." The archemandrite, enraged at this refusal, went to the

length of threatening the obstinate cook with corporal punishment till the latter finally gave in and took his part in removing the mule. Next day the family of the archemandrite were served at dinner with a dish which emitted a very suspicious odor. It was highly, even extravagantly, seasoned. The cook was interrogated as to its composition, and replied that it was a ragout of English jugged hare and had been purposely allowed to become "high" before its preparation for the table. The dish was partaken of by the diners were soon attacked with serious symptoms. Suspicion being directed to the cook, this worthy, after due coercion, confessed that from motives of revenge for having been forced to remove the mule, he had secretly cut off a piece of the tainted flesh and by the exercise of all the ingenuity of his art had succeeded in making a palatable dish for the family table. He is now on his way to the Tobolsk penal settlement for a prolonged term.

—Ex-Senator George W. Jones, of Iowa, to whom a pension is likely to be granted by the government for services in the war of 1813 and in the Black Hawk war, is an interesting survivor of the old-time politician. He is now eighty-eight years old, but remarkably well preserved, and noted still for the courtesy of manner that has always distinguished him.

—Egless needles, ready threaded, grow in northern Mexico and southern Arizona. The mescal plant furnishes long leaves with sharp-pointed, waxy ends, and when the soft part of the plant is removed, and the fiber stretched out to any desired degree of fineness and dried in the sun, the lucky Mexican or Arizonian has no trouble about threading her needles.

—A box containing \$18,800 was found near Payne, Ind., a day or two ago. A severe storm had passed over this section and uprooted a number of trees. Three young men, while examining the hole made by the uprooting of a large oak tree, noticed the corner of a box protruding from the earth and on opening it found, besides the above value in money, many small pieces of foreign metal.

—A short time after this a policeman has been selected for the post because his record seemed to point him out as well fitted for the place, came on the platform after a train arrived and began examining packages. The agent told him courteously to leave. The policeman refused, and after a few words the agent hit him on the head with a stick. "What?" he exclaimed, "turn me, a trained and high-priced disciple of Vatel, into a scavenger of street refuse? Never! death would be preferable to such dishonor." The archemandrite, enraged at this refusal, went to the

length of threatening the obstinate cook with corporal punishment till the latter finally gave in and took his part in removing the mule. Next day the family of the archemandrite were served at dinner with a dish which emitted a very suspicious odor. It was highly, even extravagantly, seasoned. The cook was interrogated as to its composition, and replied that it was a ragout of English jugged hare and had been purposely allowed to become "high" before its preparation for the table. The dish was partaken of by the diners were soon attacked with serious symptoms. Suspicion being directed to the cook, this worthy, after due coercion, confessed that from motives of revenge for having been forced to remove the mule, he had secretly cut off a piece of the tainted flesh and by the exercise of all the ingenuity of his art had succeeded in making a palatable dish for the family table. He is now on his way to the Tobolsk penal settlement for a prolonged term.

—Egless needles, ready threaded, grow in northern Mexico and southern Arizona. The mescal plant furnishes long leaves with sharp-pointed, waxy ends, and when the soft part of the plant is removed, and the fiber stretched out to any desired degree of fineness and dried in the sun, the lucky Mexican or Arizonian has no trouble about threading her needles.

—A box containing \$18,800 was found near Payne, Ind., a day or two ago. A severe storm had passed over this section and uprooted a number of trees. Three young men, while examining the hole made by the uprooting of a large oak tree, noticed the corner of a box protruding from the earth and on opening it found, besides the above value in money, many small pieces of foreign metal.

—A short time after this a policeman has been selected for the post because his record seemed to point him out as well fitted for the place, came on the platform after a train arrived and began examining packages. The agent told him courteously to leave. The policeman refused, and after a few words the agent hit him on the head with a stick. "What?" he exclaimed, "turn me, a trained and high-priced disciple of Vatel, into a scavenger of street refuse? Never! death would be preferable to such dishonor." The archemandrite, enraged at this refusal, went to the

SCALE BOOKS! SPECIAL.

Our Scale Books are Printed on Good Paper.

THREE FORMS. STANDARD, HOWE AND FAIRBANKS!

When ordering state WHAT form is wanted.



FUGITIVES FROM THE FEET ON THE AFGHAN FRONTIER.

he was accompanied by a Cossack escort. The sirdar invited him to join his cortege, which was just starting on a tour of inspection, and proposed that they could thus obtain an opportunity of the general situation. The sirdar's invariable custom was to travel in company with his three wives, and the first night the entire party camped together amid some ancient ruins for the purpose of enjoying a much-needed rest.

Now, it so happened that the Russian doctor went to bed in an unusually exalted state of mind, consequently upon too generous indulgence in the hospitality of the sirdar's table. During the night the watchful Afghan sentries descried a white object crawling stealthily in the direction of the tent occupied by the sirdar's wives. They ran toward the mysterious object and cautiously followed in its wake. They had not long to wait before the figure, which was that of a man, clad in scanty undergarments, reached the ladies' tent and attempted to pass under it, much in the fashion of the small boy who seeks a surreptitious view of a circus show. The instant the ghostly form betrayed its full design a sentry jabbed it in the rear with his hooked spear, when a sharp cry rang out and the wounded man rolled on his back. The slight injury, however, that he had sustained, was nothing to the disgrace of the exposure, for the culprit was none other than the Russian medical officer himself. The sentries would not allow him to go back to his tent, but held him prisoner till daybreak and had it not been for the interference of the Cossack escort, peeping Tom would have fared badly.

Still funnier is the story lately current in Baku concerning the archaic practice there of leaving the carcasses of animals to rot in the streets without being removed. Some highly disrespectful person saw fit to deposit during the small hours, right in front of the archemandrite's residence, the dead body of a mule. To make matters worse, it was clear that the animal had been dead for some time and its condition was correspondingly offensive. Official dignity was outraged and the entire staff of the archemandrite's servants was hastily summoned to the scene with orders to speedily remove the remains. They all responded to the call of duty with one exception, the cook, and he flung defiance to perform any such degrading duty. "What?" he exclaimed, "turn me, a trained and high-priced disciple of Vatel, into a scavenger of street refuse? Never! death would be preferable to such dishonor." The archemandrite, enraged at this refusal, went to the

length of threatening the obstinate cook with corporal punishment till the latter finally gave in and took his part in removing the mule. Next day the family of the archemandrite were served at dinner with a dish which emitted a very suspicious odor. It was highly, even extravagantly, seasoned. The cook was interrogated as to its composition, and replied that it was a ragout of English jugged hare and had been purposely allowed to become "high" before its preparation for the table. The dish was partaken of by the diners were soon attacked with serious symptoms. Suspicion being directed to the cook, this worthy, after due coercion, confessed that from motives of revenge for having been forced to remove the mule, he had secretly cut off a piece of the tainted flesh and by the exercise of all the ingenuity of his art had succeeded in making a palatable dish for the family table. He is now on his way to the Tobolsk penal settlement for a prolonged term.

—Ex-Senator George W. Jones, of Iowa, to whom a pension is likely to be granted by the government for services in the war of 1813 and in the Black Hawk war, is an interesting survivor of the old-time politician. He is now eighty-eight years old, but remarkably well preserved, and noted still for the courtesy of manner that has always distinguished him.

—Egless needles, ready threaded, grow in northern Mexico and southern Arizona. The mescal plant furnishes long leaves with sharp-pointed, waxy ends, and when the soft part of the plant is removed, and the fiber stretched out to any desired degree of fineness and dried in the sun, the lucky Mexican or Arizonian has no trouble about threading her needles.

—A box containing \$18,800 was found near Payne, Ind., a day or two ago. A severe storm had passed over this section and uprooted a number of trees. Three young men, while examining the hole made by the uprooting of a large oak tree, noticed the corner of a box protruding from the earth and on opening it found, besides the above value in money, many small pieces of foreign metal.

—A short time after this a policeman has been selected for the post because his record seemed to point him out as well fitted for the place, came on the platform after a train arrived and began examining packages. The agent told him courteously to leave. The policeman refused, and after a few words the agent hit him on the head with a stick. "What?" he exclaimed, "turn me, a trained and high-priced disciple of Vatel, into a scavenger of street refuse? Never! death would be preferable to such dishonor." The archemandrite, enraged at this refusal, went to the

length of threatening the obstinate cook with corporal punishment till the latter finally gave in and took his part in removing the mule. Next day the family of the archemandrite were served at dinner with a dish which emitted a very suspicious odor. It was highly, even extravagantly, seasoned. The cook was interrogated as to its composition, and replied that it was a ragout of English jugged hare and had been purposely allowed to become "high" before its preparation for the table. The dish was partaken of by the diners were soon attacked with serious symptoms. Suspicion being directed to the cook, this worthy, after due coercion, confessed that from motives of revenge for having been forced to remove the mule, he had secretly cut off a piece of the tainted flesh and by the exercise of all the ingenuity of his art had succeeded in making a palatable dish for the family table. He is now on his way to the Tobolsk penal settlement for a prolonged term.

—Egless needles, ready threaded, grow in northern Mexico and southern Arizona. The mescal plant furnishes long leaves with sharp-pointed, waxy