

WHEN INDICATIONS. SATURDAY—Fair weather; warmer, followed by slightly colder temperature.

THE ARABIAN NIGHTS

On this day 242 years ago was born the Frenchman named Galland, to whom the young of all generations since then in the Western world are indebted for the Arabian Nights.

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He traveled much in the East, and was a renowned Oriental scholar. But all his learning has gone for naught, and he is immortal because he translated into the French language the inimitable stories which in English we call

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When we grow older the charm does not fade, but we find that the robes and vestments which those heroes and heroines wore cannot compare in fit, quality, durability and cheapness to the Heavy Overcoats, Suits, Caps and Underwear which the 'twain seasons reduction sale is now offering at

THE WHEN LEADERS OF LOW PRICES NEW STOCK.

TABLE LINENS, WHITE GOODS, EMBROIDERIES, LACES, DRESS GOODS, MUSLINS and SHEETINGS.

STEVENSON & JOHNSTONE 37 East Washington Street.

Close of the Sale of Brasfield & Co.—Nearly One Hundred Thousand Dollars Realized.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 17.—A good crowd was in attendance at the last day of Brasfield & Co.'s sale of trotting stock, and according to the stock-offered, fair prices were obtained.

THE WEST VIRGINIA MURDERERS.

Arrival of the Hatfield Outlaws at Louisville—"Old Man" Hatfield's Narrative.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 17.—The nine West Virginians known as the "Hatfields" arrived here last night in charge of a deputy United States marshal and the jailer of Pike county. The will appear before Judge Barr, of the United States District Court, on Monday, when the habeas corpus application of the Governor of West Virginia will be further heard.

The Vote in the Eleventh Michigan District.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 17.—The vote of the Eleventh congressional district is all reported except Manistowic county, which consists entirely of islands in Lake Michigan.

Strange Story Brought Out by Death.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 17.—By the death of Dr. A. S. May, at Findlay, O., yesterday, a strange story was brought to light.

Charged with Killing His Father.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 17.—James Taylor, a lad of thirteen years, was put into the Covington, Ky., jail, last night, with his mother, by direction of the coroner, charged with the murder of the boy's father at Independence, on Monday last.

END OF THE READING STRIKE

The Coal-Miners Decide to Return to Work on the Old Basis of \$2.50 a Ton.

The Wage Question Will Be Considered Later, and No Discrimination Be Made Except Against Men Who Resorted to Violence.

An Adjustment That Leaves the Railroaders Out and Rouses Their Wrath.

Continuation of the Congressional Inquiry—Ex-President Smith Tells How Reading Was Wrecked, and Corbin Loses His Temper.

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BALFOUR DEFENDS HIMSELF

And Does It in a Manner That Enhances His Reputation as Debater and Orator.

Weak Points of the Home-Rulers Carefully Hunted Out and Held Up to Ridicule in Irritating and Very Effective Style.

Mr. Gladstone Replies in a Brief but More than Usually Eloquent Speech.

The News from the Royal Patent at San Remo Is Less Favorable, and His Aged Father Is Prostrated with Grief—Cable Notes.

BALFOUR'S DEFENSE.

The Irish Secretary Proves Himself a Parliamentary Debater of High Degree.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Mr. William O'Brien's calm and dignified speech on his return to Parliament after imprisonment continues to be the political sensation of the day.

Similar comments appear in the other Liberal newspapers. The Tory whips had prearranged that Mr. Balfour should reply to Mr. O'Brien immediately, believing that this way it would be easy to counteract any impression that the ex-prisoner might succeed in producing, but Mr. Balfour evidently found the task too difficult.

At least this is the interpretation put upon his silence by those who know what the programme had been. It is declared on the Liberal side that the Chief Secretary had faked, and the Tories did not take pains to deny their belief. This view of the case seems strengthened by the opening sentences of Mr. Balfour's reply to-night, which were to the effect that he had wished to take a careful survey of the situation before stating the government's case, and to procure disproof of assertions that had been made.

The alleged disproof consisted of some of the always obtainable statements of petty officials who are themselves under a coercion as hateful as that which they are obliged to aid in enforcing upon the people.

Mr. Balfour's speech enhanced his reputation as a parliamentary debater. He was cool and dispassionate.

Mr. Gladstone continued the debate. His voice was weaker than usual, but the House maintained such perfect silence that he had no difficulty in making himself heard. The speech was remarkable for its eloquence, and was indeed a really rhetorical effort, and an almost entire absence of the argumentative and statistical style which Mr. Gladstone is so perfect a master of.

When he apologized for his physical weakness, as shown by his occasionally falling voice, saying that he was not so young as he once was, the House burst into a whirl of sympathetic applause, the Liberals and Parliaments arising en masse and waving their hats and handkerchiefs at him. He seemed much affected by the incident.

The Daily News says: "Mr. Gladstone spoke with a versatility, power, pathos, eloquence and argumentative cogency he has seldom equaled and never surpassed. His magnificent oration fully justified the wonderful closing scenes. The whole world might be ransacked to show a nobler spectacle than the 'grand old man,' with the ardor of youth, pursuing his blessed work of uniting two peoples."

Details of the Debate.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Mr. Balfour, resuming the debate on the Parnell amendment, declared that a childish fuss has been made over the prison clothing of Mr. O'Brien. It was hardly worth noticing. A letter he had written during Mr. O'Brien's imprisonment had stated that the prisoner was suffering from weak lungs and an excitable disposition. The health of the prisoner had not been disregarded. With regard to allegations of torture, he had requested the English inspectors to inquire into the facts, and the result was to show no harshness existing. Mr. O'Brien's health had actually improved in prison. He had gained two pounds in weight.

Mr. O'Brien interrupted to state that this was inaccurate. He weighed five pounds less on leaving than on entering the prison.

Mr. Balfour continued, saying that he would have Parliament presented with official reports of the rise and fall in Mr. O'Brien's weight. [Laughter.] Mr. Balfour continued by saying that the health of Ireland was a matter of national importance, and that the Liberal government had altered its morality, but the Liberals had made concessions of theirs. He was pained at the progress of degradation among the Liberals, who now rose to the height of indignation only when denouncing judges, magistrates and police authorities. Under great difficulties, and amid much obloquy, those officials had stood bravely to their duty, for they were executing their duties. They had their true friend in respect and admiration of every true friend of liberty and order.

Mr. Balfour commented upon the vehement character of Mr. O'Brien's attack last evening, and said it was nothing but what he [Balfour] was accustomed from the same quarter in weekly attacks in United Ireland. His plate for such stuff was jaded by having had to consume a diet of the same kind for some time. He had been told he took strange pleasure in mere purposeless human suffering, which, to his languid life, imparted a delicious excitement.

[Laughter.] There was much more said about him in the same strain.

Mr. O'Brien replied that the reflection that attacks of even worse character had been made upon O'Brien's presence in United Ireland compared Sir G. Trevelyan to a skunk, a cuttle fish and a hangman. O'Brien had likewise drawn a comparison between Gladstone and Judas Iscariot, an Irishman from a source whence such fulness of language was indeed the highest praise. [Cries of "Hear, Hear."] Referring next to the allegations of the denial of Lord Salisbury and Earl Cairns, the latter declared he had never said one word inconsistent with the nature, and he hoped this denial would satisfy Parnell; they would, as was satisfied Parliament. [Cheers.]

Proceeding to compare the crimes acts of 1865 and 1867, Mr. Balfour maintained that the latter

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