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POOR OLD EUROPE!

Again the nations of Europe face the direful possibility of war.

Judging by the history of the past few years, an actual conflict will be avoided, at least until spring weather shall make campaigning practicable.

The great powers are in the absurd position of not daring to fight or to disarm. The taxation necessary to maintain their "peace establishments," ironically so called, is pressing them down to deeper distress. And yet war is so much more expensive, and its issues are so uncertain, that none of them wishes to fight.

Poor old Europe!

THE HOUSE COMMITTEES.

A Republican journal is greatly exercised because of the undoubted intention of Speaker CARLISLE to appoint a Committee on Rules that can be depended on to facilitate the transaction of the business of legislation—and especially the most important business of all, the reform of the tariff.

What are committees for, if not to facilitate the business of the House? And what Republican Speaker ever failed to give effect, in the constitution of the committees, to the principles and policy of his party?

Speaker CARLISLE can be relied on to do his duty.

THE DELAYED ELECTION CASES.

The failure to move for indictments in the election cases presented by the Reform Club is not creditable to the District-Attorney's office. The specific nature of the charges and the apparently conclusive evidence by which they are supported leave no excuse for delay.

No crime menaces the public welfare more seriously than that which touches the purity of the ballot-box. That the alleged offenders in this instance are recreant Republicans, henchmen of JOHNNY O'BRIEN, should have no significance. It is for the interest of the honest masses of both parties that the election laws be inviolate.

The Grand Jury should pass upon these cases at the earliest possible date.

MAKE ART FREE.

Why not abolish that 30 per cent. tariff on works of art? American artists themselves petition for its removal. It does not protect them at home. It burdens them when abroad.

The prosperity of artists lies in the popularization of art. The more foreign masterpieces, the more art galleries we have, the greater the demand for art among the people.

The artists don't want this tariff. The public don't ask for it. The Government does not need it. It is worse than useless. Away with it.

THE CHEAP CAB PROJECT.

It is to be hoped that the present cheap cab project will materialize into something satisfactory to the public.

New York, of all great cities, needs cheap cabs. They are a necessary auxiliary to its overburdened transportation system. The failure of similar projects in the past has been due chiefly to inadequate management.

The extortionate charges of New York cabmen have reduced their business to a minimum. Cheap cabs, always accessible at principal points, would have plenty to do. They could pay good dividends and fair wages to their drivers at the same time.

Let cabs be cheap and they will be popular.

BROADENING THE SCHOOLS.

The Board of Eucation has made a start in "putting the whole boy to school."

In introducing manual training into half a dozen grammar schools the Board has put in a little leaven that will leaven the whole lump.

Head cramming is not education. The memory is not the only faculty of the mind. Give the eyes, the hands, the judgment, the "gumption" of the children a chance.

FREE COAL.

The decision of the Central Labor Union to petition Congress to take the duty off coal ought to be followed by a general movement of workingmen in the same direction.

It was rightly said at the meeting last night that the wages of the miners are already down to the lowest living point under the policy of miscalled "protection." The only beneficiaries of the tariff on coal have been the operators and transportation companies. They have starved the miners on one hand and robbed the consumers on the other.

Off with the tax on fuel!

The Chicago agitators proclaim that "no grave holds anarchy." But the grave holds the bodies of five Anarchists who attempted to put their theories into practice, and it yawns for any who may follow their example.

HENRY GEORGE challenges protectionist jaws with the hard nut to crack involved in the truth that "free-trade" England pays higher wages than any country in Europe which maintains a protective tariff.

The American people do not need to go to England to learn the meaning of the President's Message. They are not such idiots as to believe that anything below a 47 per cent. tariff is "free trade."

DRAWBAUGH's automatic picket system for announcing the approach of an enemy could have a lively test along the European frontiers just now.

Not satisfied with one Prohibition that does not prohibit, Kansas has started a society for the suppression of chewing gum and slang.

Oh! the slush, the slush, the slushity slush. (A substitute for "Beautiful Snow.")

WORLDLINGS.

Blackfish used to be caught in great quantities in the harbor of Charleston, S. C., but since the earthquake very few of the fish are found there.

The largest amount of land held in the United States by an alien corporation is that owned by the Holland Company, in New Mexico. It embraces 4,500,000 acres.

A woman living in Hannibal, Mo., weighs 420 pounds. She is unable to walk simply because of her great weight, and is wheeled about in a cart by an attendant.

The execution of Chester Bellows at Charles City, Iowa, Friday for the murder of Alice Waterman, was the first legal hanging that has taken place in Iowa for twenty-two years.

Despite his advancing years Phil Armour, the Chicago pork king, works longer and harder than any of his clerks. He is always at his desk a few minutes after 7 in the morning, and is usually one of the last to leave the office.

Fish to the number of 16,560,100 have been placed in the lakes and ponds of Nebraska by the State Fish Commissioner this year. They comprise brook trout, California mountain trout, black bass, German carp and wall-eyed pike.

Miss E. M. Voth, a young woman, who some time ago took up a claim near Alberdeen, Dak., recently rescued from death a young man who had been caught in a blizzard on the prairie and had taken refuge in a deserted claim shanty near her farm.

Arrangements are being made for a grand wolf hunt to take place near Tuscola, Ill., at an early day. Fully 2,500 hunters from all parts of the State are expected to participate, and as the wolves are numerous in that section some lively sport is promised.

An accommodation train in service on the Omaha road between St. Paul and Stillwater is known among railroad men as the hospital train, from the fact that every engineer who has run on the train for several years past has either had a stroke of paralysis while at the throttle or been injured in some way.

In the stomach of a cow killed in La Crosse, Wis., were found one silver piece, two wood screws, each an inch in length, six carpet-tacks, twenty-three shingle-nails, two large knitting needles and one street railway spike three inches long. One of the needles had pierced the cow's lungs and caused the formation of a big tumor.

The house of Jacob Orth, and aged German soldier, living in Davenport, Ia., was burned recently and among the articles consumed was a medal which he had received from the Grand Duke Ludwig I., for services in the wars against Napoleon. The loss of the medal troubled Mr. Orth greatly and he wrote to Kaiser Wilhelm about it. Last week he received from the Emperor a handsome gold medal bearing the Grand Duke's likeness.

Danger in Wearing Sealskin Caps.

[From the Chicago Journal.]

The recent cold weather has, I see, caused a great number of people to don their sealskin caps; and this has set me to ruminating on the subject of fur coverings for the head. There is no doubt that when we have zero weather and high winds combined, it is absolutely necessary to have the head and ears well protected. If they are left exposed the ears may be frozen, and, even without that, the auditory nerves may be benumbed and paralyzed, for every one has noticed how exposure to a cold blast will make his ears ring. On the other hand, if one owns a fine sealskin cap he will probably wear it straight along from December to March; and during that period there will be a great deal of moderate weather, in which a sealskin is very much too warm for comfort. At such times the possessor of this article of luxury has two courses open to him. He can continue to wear his beautiful cap, in which case his head will be in a perpetual sweat and he will weaken his scalp and perhaps lose his hair; or he can lay aside his sealskin and put on his hard hat, in which case he will have the finest case of influenza and catarrh on record. Any one who wears a sealskin cap should cut out this article and glue it in well on the inside of the crown.

Not Such a Bad Lot.

[From Tid-Bits.]

Bridget—Did yez go around to the bloody Englishmin's natura lzation meeting, Patrick?

Patrick—Yis, I was there a little phile. They're not a bad lot, Biddy.

Bridget—They ain't?

Patrick—No, Biddy. Sure whin the spaker talked about America's mother country they all clapped their hands an' yeheered; the cheered, Biddy, think o' that.

Bridget—An' phat is America's mother country, Patrick?

Patrick—Ould Oirland ov coorse. Is yez dramin'?

Beauties of the Bicycle.

[From Tid-Bits.]

Friend—Why, Wheeler, what a state you're in! Had an accident?

Bicycler—Yes, slightly. In that race against time yesterday I broke my machine, my head, two fingers, a rib——

Friend—Hold on, for heaven's sake. Was there anything you didn't break?

Bicycler (sadly)—Yes; the record.

She Had.

[From Tid-Bits.]

Clarksby—Good morning, Mrs. Gadby. Shopping, I see?

Mrs. Gadby—Yes; I've been picking up a few little things for Christmas.

C.—I haven't seen Mr. Gadby "on change" lately.

Mrs. G. (laconically)—I have!

What He Thought.

[From Tid-Bits.]

Fred—I am surprised at Brown's slanders, for I supposed he taught everything of me.

Ned—So he does—everything that's bad.

THE HOLIDAYS IN SOCIETY.

DANCING AND DINING PARTIES LEAD THE GAYETIES OF THE SEASON.

Mrs. John W. Minturn's Dance To-Night and the Patriarchs' To-Morrow Evening to Start the Festivities—Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hershfield to Celebrate Their Golden Wedding To-Morrow Afternoon.

NUMEROUS dancing and dining parties will lead the social gayeties of the week. These will be indulged in to rather an unusual extent at this holiday season. Mrs. John W. Minturn's dance to-night, at her house, 22 Washington square, and the Patriarchs' to-morrow evening, will start the festivities.

Mrs. J. A. Benedict, of 325 Fifth avenue, will give a dance on Dec. 28. Sherry will serve.

Dr. and Mrs. Dougherty, of 512 Madison avenue, will give a tea on Dec. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Fisher, of 813 Fifth avenue, will give a reception on Wednesday evening, from 8.30 until 11.30.

Mrs. Alfred Young, of 7 East Fifty-sixth street, will give a tea with music this afternoon.

Mrs. Loomis will entertain Mrs. Thomas Morris and the Misses Morris, of Baltimore, during the holidays.

The engagement of Mr. Van Rensselaer Townsend, of Albany, and Miss Janet King, daughter of Mr. Cornelius King, has been recently announced.

A Christmas bazaar, for the benefit of Work for Poor Churches, will be held this afternoon at the home of Miss Leary, 90 Fifth avenue.

Many from this city will attend the wedding to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock of Mr. Charles Davis English and Miss Susan Morris Hacker in Philadelphia.

Miss Laura R. Conkling, of 27 East Fortieth street, will give a dinner on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Livermore, of 145 Madison avenue, will give a dinner on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Hershfield, of 115 East Eightieth street, will celebrate their golden wedding to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. The house will be decorated with palms and cut flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey M. Depew, of 22 East Forty-fifth street, will give a dinner to a large number of guests to-morrow evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, of England.

More than three thousand invitations were sent out by Gov. and Mrs. Robert S. Green, of Elizabeth, N. J., for their three receptions, one of which will take place this afternoon.

Mrs. Charles A. Post, of 21 Washington square, north, will give a series of readings, with music, during January at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Beck, *née* May, have left the city for Florida on their new yacht Thyra.

The Manhattan Athletic Club will give a ball on Jan. 9.

Mrs. Richard D. Jackson, of 48 West Fifty-ninth street, will give a dinner on Jan. 23.

Mrs. John Beales, of 35 West Thirty-second street, will give a cotillon on Dec. 27.

The Board of Managers, all ladies, of St. Luke's Home, will give a dinner on Feb. 22 at the Hotel Brunswick.

"A Cup of Tea" will be played at the Calvary Mission, on West Twenty-third street, this evening by Miss De Wolfe, Mr. Edward Fales Coward, Mr. William Clyde Fitch and Mr. Edgar De Wolfe.

Mr. J. L. Hutchinson and family intend taking a tour among the West Indies and about the west coast of Florida on their new steam yacht the Ladoga.

The Manhattan Club will give a reception next week.

The rooms of the New York Flower Mission, 241 Fourth avenue, will be open to-morrow and three following days for the reception of evergreens and Christmas cards for the decoration of the island hospitals and for the sick poor.

A wedding reception will be given at Delmonico's on Wednesday evening by Mrs. Grabfelder.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lyman Short, *née* Petit, of 20 West Thirty-seventh street, gave a dinner of twelve covers on Saturday. The guests were Miss Dickey, Miss Helen Stuyvesant Dudley, Miss Emily Petit, Miss Laura Conkling, Miss Walker and Messrs. I. T. Wainwright, Philip Livingston, H. Townsend and N. Conkling.

INSPECTOR BYRNES INDIGNANT.

He Says He Does Not Hound ex-Convicts, but That They Impose on Him.

Inspector Byrnes is very indignant over the statement made by ex-Convict Moriarity to Judge Gildersleeve in the Court of General Sessions, that detectives hounded him and caused him to lose several positions.

"The fact is," said the Inspector, "that scarcely a week passes that I do not assist ex-convicts who say they desire to reform; and—it is a sad thing to say, but none the less true—I am deceived by them in most instances. No Headquarters detective would give information concerning an ex-convict unless he were directed to do so by me, and I have given no such instructions."

In one instance Joe Little, a notorious crook, met the Inspector on the street, and told a pitiful tale of his sufferings and poverty, and solemnly declared that he was sick of crime and anxious to lead an honest life.

Inspector Byrnes gave him $10 and invited him to call at his house that evening. Little did so, and was furnished with a suit of clothes, and, on the Inspector's recommendation, was given a situation.

Less than a month later information was received at headquarters of a proposed burglary in Bond street. Detectives were posted in the shade of a neighboring hallway to watch for the thieves.

When a door had been forced open the detectives pounced on the thieves, and there found Joe Little, with a new jimmy in his hand and a kit of tools, probably purchased with the money provided by Inspector Byrnes's generosity. Little is now in prison for this crime.

"The Detective Bureau," the Inspector says, "is always ready and anxious to assist ex-convicts who express a desire for reformation. Moriarty's statement is unqualifiedly false."

Newt Vorce, the Desperado, Still at Bay.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

DENVER, Dec. 19.—Newt Vorce, the Colorado outlaw, has turned up in another sheep ranch, where, well armed and in a dug-out, he is again holding the Sheriff's posse at bay. Another man has been shot, making two men killed and one wounded since the first attempt to capture Vorce, and the outlaw is not yet taken. A sheep herder, name unknown, who was with Vorce, came out of the dug-out wearing Vorce's hat, and was fired on and killed by guards, who supposed him to be the outlaw. Under Sheriff Covington has gone to the scene of the trouble with a new posse.

Prohibitionists in Council.

The second annual meeting of the National Prohibition Bureau began this afternoon at 32 East Fourteenth street. This evening a reception will be given to visitors at 3 East Fourteenth, at which Mrs. Burt and Gen. Fisk are to speak. A public meeting will be held at Cooper Union Hall to-morrow evening and the Middle States Conference will take place at 3 East Fourteenth street to-morrow morning and afternoon.

NEW YORKERS IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The visit of New York Democratic statesmen to Washington last week and the promise of the coming of other statesmen this week, have set the politicians all by the ears. The most astute of them declare that New York's active Democratic politicians propose to remove all doubt as to New York's position in the next campaign, but that they cannot be successful in their plan without the aid of the Administration. They have come to Washington to obtain that aid. They say that the Republicans have been removed from one-half of the Federal places in the State and that by next election day almost as many more changes will be made. The terms of many postmasters, nominated by Gen. Arthur, will expire during the next six months. It is these places that with others in the several custom-houses in the State the politicians are after. Republican partisans of the Senators Sherman, Edmunds and Hoar stamp will naturally oppose any movement to oust their Republican friends, but liberal party men, such as Senators Allison and Plumb, admit to their friends that the Democrats have control of the ship and should certainly select the officers and crew, if they are competent.

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The headquarters for New Yorkers in Washington is the Arlington. If the average New York politician arrives here after nightfall he can be found within the hour at Chamberlin's. Here it is that the New Yorkers hold their caucuses and conferences. It is a political headquarters. More jobs have been arranged there this winter, more schemes discussed and more patronage parcelled out than in any other public house in town. Here is heard the fiery eloquence of Judge Timothy J Campbell, urging the appointment of one of his constituents as a gauger in the Custom-House, or the suave request of Congressman Stahlnecker to retain an old friend as doorkeeper in the House.

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Among the visiting New York statesmen was the new Democratic Senator from Saratoga, John Foley. He was started in politics by Edward Kearney, who, next to Judge Hilton, is the largest land-owner in Saratoga. Foley has been District-Attorney, and made an excellent record. He is one of the brightest lawyers in Northern New York. When he received the nomination for State Senator he had very little hope of carrying the district, as his predecessor, Comptroller-elect Edward Wemple was elected by only twenty plurality. But Wemple and Foley are both popular and worked the district indefatigably. Foley is about thirty-six, tall and dark, with a heavy black mustache. He will be heard from in the Senate.

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"Is that Crazy Horse Maxwell," asked a Southern Senator of Col. Murphy at the Riggs House the other night. "I have heard of him for years, but never met him till this evening." This title, given to the Batavia politician many years ago, when it was the fashion to bestow names of Indians upon prominent workers in both parties, has almost been lost among his friends at home. The present Superintendent of Insurance got it because of his political restlessness and activity. He was one of the foremost men to recognize Mr. Cleveland's availability, and has followed the fortunes of the President, right or wrong, through thick and thin, ever since. Maxwell was of invaluable service to Gov. Hill during the campaign of 1885 and to-day is one of the Governor's most trusted friends. No man in the party holds the same relations to the President and to the Governor as Mr. Maxwell. He is a "hustler," as the term goes, and seldom fails in anything he undertakes. He is one of the most adroit political managers in the State, and very rarely is his hand seen.

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There is considerable trepidation in the Post-Office and Interior departments over the expected transfer of the heads. Secretary Lamar will certainly be confirmed by the Senate as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and Postmaster-General Vilas as Secretary of the Interior in place of Mr. Lamar. While not displeased with Secretary Lamar's administration, the President is understood to have begun to realize the necessity of having an active business man at the head of the department. Mr. Lamar is a very hard worker, is at his post every morning before 9 o'clock, never leaves till after 5 in the afternoon, and, as a rule, carries home sufficient work for two men to accomplish before morning. He insists upon knowing everything of importance that goes on in his department, of giving his own personal attention to every case of prominence, even to the extent of looking up his own authorities, and upon examining carefully and deliberately every paper to which he attaches his name. In consequence, while the work of the department has been done with thoroughness and exactness, it has fallen very much behind.

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To his friends, Postmaster-General Vilas has made no secret of his unwillingness to give up his comfortable quarters in the Post-Office Department. He has mastered the details of that department as none of his predecessors has done, with the exception of Thomas L. James. The work of his department is up to date, while that of the Interior Department is not. Next to Mr. Whitney, Mr. Vilas is the ablest business man in the Cabinet. He is the most economical. He has cut down the expenses of his department 40 per cent. since the Republicans departed, while increasing the efficiency of the service. It was in recognition of the signal ability he has displayed in the Post-Office Department that Mr. Cleveland has transferred him to the Interior Department, where a man of his executive capacity seems to be needed.

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Like Mr. Vilas, his successor, Mr. Don M. Dickinson, unites political shrewdness with great business ability. Mr. Dickinson will find the department when he assumes charge in splendid condition. Many of the clerks, including the Republicans who are left, are considerably exercised, however, over their fate within the next six months. Mr. Dickinson was selected by the President not because he is a politician, but because he is a business man. The clerks in the department regard him in fear and trembling as a partisan with a merciless proclivity for decapitating all Republican office-holders who come within his reach.

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Mrs. Cleveland has discovered what the President would have done well had he discovered months ago, that she can walk out every day without molestation or annoyance. During the charming days last week the mistress of the White House, or, as the women correspondents call her, "the first lady in the land," was seen on Pennsylvania avenue alone or with one of her guests. Mrs. Cleveland is a rapid walker, but frequently stopped, attracted by some novelty in a shop window. The prints and photographs have made her face familiar to the multitude and yet but few persons recognized her, and those who did only turned their heads. There was no impudent staring. The innovation inaugurated by Mrs. Cleveland ought to be adopted by the President. An hour's constitutional on the avenue every afternoon would make a different man of him in six months. Gen. Grant took his airing almost every pleasant day, and Gen. Arthur's swinging walk is still discussed in Washington.

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Old politicians, who are expert in diagnosing the political horoscope, declare that when the tariff debates begin there will be surprises in both of the political parties. States that ten years ago were rampant for free trade have since, by the introduction of many new industries and manufactures, been compelled to modify their views materially. Every day in Washington may be heard in circles where the tariff is discussed, the observation: "Gen. Hancock never spoke truer words than when he said that the tariff was a local issue."

HUGH HASTINGS.

NEWS ABOUT THE ATHLETES.

A meeting of pool-players is called for this afternoon at the Brunswick-Balke & Collender Co.'s rooms, Seventeenth street and Broadway, by Maurice Daly. It is to see about a tournament at Daly's Brooklyn rooms.

The New York Athletic Club has decided to purchase Sedgemere, its new acquisition on Long Island Sound, at once instead of renting it for ten years and then acquiring it. The $70,000 necessary is to be raised by the admission of 200 life members at $350 each.

The entertainment committee of the Manhattan Athletic Club is putting its best foot forward to provide interesting winter amusement for the members. Dr. Hoyt has just been elected the chairman. The next Ladies' Day and musical will be held on Jan. 18.

There was not a quorum present at the meeting of the National Amateur Skating Association called for the Windsor Hotel at 8 o'clock last evening. The meeting was postponed until next Thursday night, same place and hour. The programme of winter sports is to be decided upon. Among the questions to come up for discussion will be if the twenty-five-mile race shall not give way to a broad jump on skates. Mr. Storey, the well-known Brooklyn skater, who was present last evening, as was Mr. Gus Walton, will have a say in the discussion.

The combination entertainment of the Manhattan and Staten Island Athletic and Essex County Tobogman clubs at Staten Island on Saturday evening was an even greater success than at Orange, N. J., on Thursday evening. A half dozen calls were made unsuccessfully at the Manhattan Athletic Club last night, during the visit of THE WORLD reporter, for tickets to the snow which these clubs are to give at the Metropolitan Opera House on Tuesday evening. Every seat is sold. Therefore for this great demand for tickets is the clubs interested. Company A, of the Seventh Regiment, is taking a big part in the fancy dress drill, and Mr. George D. Phillips, of the New York Athletic Club, is one of the principal performers.

PLATT'S GOOD BOY COLE.

LIKELY TO BE SPEAKER IF HIS PLEDGES ARE ALL IRON-CLAD.

But if They Turn Out to be Negotiable Securities He May Be Only a Surprised Statesman—Some of Chet Cole's Work—The Fight Soon to be Transferred to Albany—Gen. Husted Still Has Hopes.

The Speakership fight will be transferred to Albany within a few days. What has occurred up to the present in the contest for gavel-wielder of the Assembly has been a mere skirmish compared to the battle that is shortly to take place.

FREMONT COLE.

Young Fremont Cole, the pride of Schuyler County, will open headquarters at the Delavan House on Thursday of next week, and Gen. James W. Husted will bill the corridors of the hotel with his posters on the Friday following. By Saturday, Dec. 31, the button-holing campaign will be in full blast.

There will be no rest for the Christian Members of Assembly on Sunday, Jan. 1, and on Monday, the 2d, the Republican caucus will decide who shall be the Speaker.

There has been a lull in the fight for nearly a week. Mr. Cole was at the Fifth Avenue during the greater part of last week, but disappeared suddenly on Friday. He may turn up here again before going to Albany to fight Gen. Husted to a finish.

The young man from Schuyler has not lost any confidence. He is as boastful as ever and does not use an "if" in his prediction of success. He is, and he admits it, depending upon pledges and promises to make him Speaker. If they are ironclad, as he says they are, and as good as a certified check, he will be the next Speaker. If, however, the promises and pledges made to him are negotiable young Fremont Cole may be the most surprised and disappointed statesman who ever aspired to the Speakership.

According to Mr. Cole, he has forty-three "ironclad" pledges on his little list, and only one of his men has slipped away from him. That man is a farmer in one of the western counties. Congressman Skinner lassoed him for Cole a day or two after the election, and the farmer opened a correspondence with Cole. About a dozen epistles passed between them, and finally the farmer wrote: "I will vote for you. Do not bother yourself about me any further."

A week ago Cole opened his eyes on receiving a letter from the farmer Representative, saying: "Give me a few more days grace on that promise. I will see you in Albany."

When Cole told one of his friends about the letter the friend replied: "That is some of Chet Cole's work. I heard he was nosing around the western part of the State in the interest of Jimmy Husted."

The Bald Eagle of Westchester has been carrying on his canvass in his own peculiar way. He has laughed at the list carried in young Cole's vest pocket, but has not bragged about a list of his own supporters.

"There has been a good deal of noise made in this fight," exclaimed the Westchester statesman recently, "and that's all. Am I going to win? Well, you know me," and he winked one of his old-time winks.

There have been many Speakership fights settled before the caucus which were unsettled at the caucus. Veteran observers who have leaned against the pillars in the corridors of the Delavan House can tell many a little story of how men arrived in Albany with the Speakership buttoned up in their inside pocket, and who could not find a trace of it on the day that the caucus met.

Cole has been posing for over a month as Platt's good boy. It has been heralded throughout the State that he is Platt's candidate. This has been generally accepted as being true because of Platt's well-known hostility to Husted.

There is no doubt that many of Platt's lieutenants have been working for Cole, and it is also a fact that several of ex-Senator Warner Miller's adherents have been decoyed into the Cole camp.

Lately, however, it has been rumored that ex-Senator Miller was secretly and adroitly helping his friend, the General from Peekskill. The interview between Platt and Husted, and the knowledge that they now speak to each other as they pass by, has set the tongues of the suspicious politicians a-wagging.

As the fight now stands, Cole appears to be in the lead, with a number of votes to spare. If he does not lose more than half a dozen of the votes said to be pledged to him he will undoubtedly be elected.

STACKS OF LUMBER IN PERIL.

A Threatening Fire in Which Ten Horses Were Burned.

Timothy McNamara, an employee of the Twenty-third Street Railroad, discovered fire in the stables of F. S. Meyers at 544 West Twenty-second street at about 2.25 o'clock this morning and with Policeman Gray, of the Twentieth street station turned in an alarm.

The stables are one-story frame shanties surrounded by lumber yards. The front part of 544 occupied by H. K. Webb, as a restaurant, and it is supposed that the fire originated there from an overheated stove.

There were ten horses in the stable at the time and all were burned or suffocated.

Adjoining the restaurant, to the west, is the lumber yard of Norton & Christman. The firm had seven horses stabled in an adjacent structure, which was also burned. When the alarm was sounded W. D. Cahill, of No. 160 Eleventh avenue, who is employed by the firm, rushed into the barn and despite the heat and flames turned loose all the horses and saved several sets of harness. The firm's loss will not exceed $200.

In Meyer's stables were five horses owned by Rubin Beck and valued at $1,250. They were insured for $500. Alexander Bros., of No. 107 Bowery, lost two horses, valued at about $500 and insured for $300. Henry Gould, an iceman, of No. 526 West Twenty-first street, lost two horses, not insured.

W. B. Smith, a truckman, was caught with a load of furniture on Saturday night and stored it at his own risk in the stable. The property was entirely destroyed, together with one horse and six sets of harness. Smith was partially insured.

Webb, the restaurant-keeper, was unable to save anything. His loss is estimated at $1,000 and he was insured for $800.

The loss to Meyers's property will not exceed $1,000, which is amply insured. At the time the fire started the efforts of the firemen were directed to saving the lumber yards on each side. But for their prompt work the result might have been much more serious, as there was an immense stock of lumber encircling the place and covering almost an entire block.

In Town for a Day.

W. Bourke Cockran and Mrs. Cockran are at the Victoria.

Henry B. Metcalf, of Pawtucket, is at the Murray Hill Hotel.

E. Rollins Morse, a Boston banker, reached the St. James to-day.

At the Brunswick is P. D. Armour, jr., son of Chicago's famous capitalist.

Gen. E. B. Stonehill, of San Francisco, is stopping at the Hoffman House.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Hiscock, of Syracuse, are registered at the Fifth Avenue.

Commander P. H. Cooper, U. S. N., and Mrs. Cooper, arrived at the Brevoort.

Chas. J. Dean and Miss Minnie Dean are recent arrivals from England at the Brunswick.

L. D. Parker, General Superintendent of the Postal Telegraph Company, is registered at the Hoffman.

At the Bartholdi is Lieut. William Martin, U. S. N., and F. S. Weber, a prominent merchant of Holyoke.

Among others at the Murray Hill are Major Wm. Hughes, of Kentucky; Amasa J. Parker, of Albany, and Franklin Farrll, of Ansonia.

Ex-Mayor and Mrs. F. A. Prince, of Boston; ex-Senator John S. Kenna, of West Virginia, and William J. Florence are at the Fifth Avenue.

Thomas J. Emery, of Cincinnati, whose name is expected to figure more or less prominently in the lawsuits against Henry S. Ives, has taken up his abode at the Victoria.

Among those now at the Union Square Hotel are F. W. Harrington, the electrician, and F. Bryton and wife, of the "Forgiven" Company which has just ended a successful engagement in Boston.

Three prominent citizens of Montreal are now at the Albermarle—J. A. Mercier, C. N. Armstrong and Geo. W. Pamel. M. Mercier is a brother of Premier Minister Mercier. Chas P. Dilworth and Samuel T. Owens, Pittsburg merchants, are booked at the St. James.

CABMEN OUT ON STRIKE.

Ryerson & Brown's Men Trying to Enforce Their Demands.

The cabbies continued their strike against the leading liverymen this morning, as predicted in THE WORLD'S evening edition of Dec. 5.

All hands, including 150 drivers and 150 stablemen, struck at Ryerson & Brown's (New York Cab Company's) stables this morning at an early hour for an advance of wages and shorter hours of work, and also for a contract requiring the company to enter into an arrangement for the ensuing year, whereby it would employ its help at the rates demanded and grant them shorter hours.

Some of the stablemen went to work at the usual hour this morning at the company's stable in West Thirty-second street, near Sixth avenue, and after throwing a pile of manure out on the sidewalk struck and refused to load it into carts. One man attempted to put the manure back into the basement, when some of the strikers ordered him to stop.

A policeman was called to protect the man. The manure was put back into the basement.

The strikers remain about the corners of Sixth avenue and Thirty-second street. They are orderly and quiet.

Mr. Brown, general manager of the company, said that there was a difference between the men and the company about wages and hours of work, but that the committee which waited on him asked him to sign a contract guaranteeing employment to all hands at the new terms for a year and he refused to do so.

To a reporter for THE WORLD Mr. Brown said that the business of the company was stopped, and that any one who called for a vehicle was told that there was none.

He also said that the business had been very dull during the year just closing, and that the strike would have a bad effect upon it. He would consult the other officers of the company, and after getting their opinions they would decide what course to pursue.

No new hands had applied for work up to noon, but applications are expected. If the company decides to decline the request for a yearly contract steps will be taken to employ a new force of men under police protection.

Capt. Reilly, of the Nineteenth Precinct, has his men in hand to suppress any disturbance, but does not look for any trouble. Most of the large stables are in his precinct.

There were rumors that strikes would take place in several other stables before the day closes.

The men who were granted their demands at Scaich's, Shorey's, Daly's and Hartnett's stables are all at work.

The strike at Ryerson & Brown's has caused a great pressure for conveyances on the other stables, and business with the latter is rushing.

The Executive Board of District Assembly No. 49, to which the Cabmen's Liberty Dawn Association is attached, has invited Mr. Brown to meet with it and confer upon a basis of settlement. He said that he would meet the Board to-day.

DASHED TO THEIR DEATH.

Additional Particulars of the Intercolonial Railway Accident Near Bathurst.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 19.—Additional particulars of the disaster which occurred on the Intercolonial Railway at McIntosh's Cove Saturday afternoon show that the engine, tender and snowplough were detached from the train on the Bathurst side of the Caraquet River, and a dash made through the heavy drift of snow on the bridge. The engineer turned on steam, and eight of the twelve men who were aboard sped on to their death.

No one knows how it happened. The lookers only know that the plough, locomotive and tender left the track in the centre of the bridge and plunged into the raging river below. The eight men were crushed, torn to pieces, burned and drowned. How the four escaped is miraculous.

The names of the killed are:

Conductor KEARNEY, of Douglasstown, Miramichi, single, twenty-five years old, soon to have been married.

Driver LANIGAN, of Bathurst, married, leaves six children; aged thirty-one.

FELIX BOUCHER, fireman, of Bathurst, single, aged twenty-one.

JOSEPH VIENNAN, section man, of Bathurst, leaves five children; aged thirty.

JOHN RAULIN, section man, of Caraquet, married, leaves a large family; aged thirty.

OCTAVE PINNETT, section man of Caraquet, single, age twenty-three.

JOHN CARNEY, of Bathurst, married, leaves five children; age thirty.

FRANK MILLER, of Bathurst, single, age twenty, passenger, who was the only support of a widowed mother.

All the bodies have been recovered.

Just before the plough started young Miller jumped aboard for the fun of the thing. Little did he dream that it would be his ride to death. Some of the men were killed outright. The cries of the others were heartrending as they called for help. The passengers on the train hastened to the scene instantly and ventuning out on the river, did their utmost to extricate the unfortunate party. Being without implements, they made no progress, and were compelled to witness the death of the helpless men. A relief train was summoned as soon as possible, but in order to do so a messenger was despatched back to the nearest station. The hours wore on until midnight, and still the brave passengers kept at their task of trying to help the imprisoned men. It was after midnight before the relief train from Bathurst, carrying physicians and road officials, made its appearance.

On the relief train came the wives and little children of the train hands, who had heard of the accident and begged permission to go down to the bridge. Several of the dead men had large families, and the children cried piteously as they saw the mangled bodies of their fathers taken from the river. The work of the rescuers this morning was witnessed by hundreds of people from the neighboring country.

The cause of the accident is a mystery, as the bridge was apparently in good condition and all clear when the plough started across. Supt. Chisholm, who witnessed the accident, examined the bridge immediately afterwards and found everything all right. The rails even were not displaced. Previously, however, there have been two attempts to wreck trains by placing obstructions on the track, and it is probable that the accident is the work of some fiend. The road was only opened for traffic a few months ago. The stockholders reside chiefly in England.

Fatal Hunt for a Wild Steer.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

PLYMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 19.—Amos Clement, of Warren, accompanied by James Morrill, started out Saturday afternoon with a team to overtake a steer which had become wild and escaped from his herd. Clement took his gun, intending to shoot the steer if necessary.

Morrill had gone but a short distance when he heard the report of a gun, and upon looking around saw a gun lying in the road behind them, and, to his amazement, upon turning to Mr. Clement he saw that it was the gun he had been carrying, which, slipping from the wagon, had been discharged and its contents were buried in the neck and head of Clement, who was dead. Clement leaves a wife, aged sixty-eight, and two daughters.

In Aid of the Cholera Sufferers.

The musical and art entertainment in aid of the Cholera Orphans' Fund, of Italy, which will take place at Chickering Hall on Thursday evening, promises to be a gratifying financial success. All Italians of prominence in this city have interested themselves in the entertainment with the result that a large number of tickets of admission have been sold. The entertainment is given under the patronage of prominent Italian an American ladies. It will consist of vocal and instrumental music by well-known artists, humorous and mimetic representations; rapid sketching in black and white by Napoleon Sarony, Charles Graham, John Dunn, Edward Moran, Henry Thomas, and E. W. Kemble, and two tableaux vivants with background under the direction of Charles Graham, of *Harper's Weekly*.

Killed by an Express Train.

[SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.]

BORDENTOWN, Dec. 19.—John Clark, a resident of Florence and employed in William Weil's section gang, was struck by a west-bound passenger train from this city, near Florence, on the Amboy Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, this morning, and instantly killed.

Do You Suffer

From rheumatism? If so, read the following "voluntary tribute" from a reliable, conscientious man, which appeared in the Geneva, N. Y., Gazette, Jan. 21, 1887, entirely unknown to us till after its publication:

"Without doubt a large proportion of those who have passed the meridian of life suffer more or less from rheumatism. Up to three winters ago I had never known what s