

CHANGES FOR THE NAVY.

MEASURES SUGGESTED BY CHIEF ENGINEER MELVILLE.

INTERESTING SUGGESTIONS IN HIS ANNUAL REPORT—MORE ENGINEER OFFICERS NEEDED.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Annual reports of the Chief of Bureau of the Navy Department...

It is recognized that the Engineer Corps has become one of the most important departments in the navy...

He calls attention to the fact that under the provisions of an act of Congress passed less than two years ago...

Chief Engineer Melville also recommends the repeal of the law limiting appointments to the Engineer Corps...

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HONESTY TOO MUCH FOR THIS MUGWUMP.

AN ORGAN-GRINDER'S FEELINGS HURT—CAPTAIN AINSWORTH ONCE MORE.

Washington, Dec. 24 (Special).—Suspended for a limited period the important task of turning the crank of the universe...

He had never been graduated as an organ-grinder. His dispatches from Washington have never been inspired by the recollection of favors received...

TO LEASE ALASKA SEAL FISHERIES.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary Widom this afternoon issued an advertisement, stating that he would receive sealed proposals until noon, January 25...

Waterbury Detective Cameras, THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

The Scovill & Adams Co. 423 BROOME ST., NEW-YORK.

dated July 8, 1870, upon which the present lease is based.

BONDS OFFERED AND ACCEPTED.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Today's bond offerings aggregated \$21,300, as follows:

FOURTH-CLASS POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Fourth-class postmasters were today appointed as follows:

AN INSPECTOR VISITS THE MUTUAL FIRE—THE SURPLUS SAID TO BE SATISFACTORY.

The examiners of the Insurance Department have a habit of dropping in unexpectedly and examining the accounts of any insurance company...

Joseph C. Hatte, the secretary of the company, was also seen at his home, No. 461 Lenox ave.

PHILANDER B. ARMSTRONG, of No. 155 Broadway, president of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company...

REMINISCENCES OF LIBBY PRISON.

AN OLD PRISONER TELLS OF HIS HARDSHIPS AND HOW HE PASSED THE TIME THERE.

The recent purchase of Libby Prison by some people in Chicago, and its subsequent partial destruction in a railroad wreck while in transit from Richmond to New York...

IOWA REPUBLICANS ARE FOR ALLISON.

Chicago, Dec. 24 (Special).—A dispatch to "The Tribune" from Des Moines, Iowa, says: "The Senatorial situation is still a subject of interest, but there is no reason to think the outcome will be different from what was predicted months ago."

PRINTERS DEMAND INCREASED WAGES.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24 (Special).—A plan president of the International Typographical Union, arrived in this city from Indianapolis today to confer with the officers of the printers of five morning newspapers...

HONORED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL LEAGUE.

New-Haven, Conn., Dec. 24 (Special).—Julius Warder, who received the gold medal from the Architectural League for the design of an entrance to the Yale Fair, is a native of this city.

COULD NOT FOOL THE ELDER.

HOW THE GOLD BRICK SWINDLE CAME TO GRIEF IN ITHACA.

Ithaca, Dec. 24 (Special).—Elder Hiram Gee is a man widely known in the interior of New York State, both as a clergyman and as a public-spirited man...

One of the gang boldly went to Mr. Gee's residence at noon, and on being invited in asked the Elder if his name was Gee.

Quenequa had a daughter, who was called Shogo, the fairest and sweetest of the prairie flowers.

THE DEATH OF THE GREAT CHIEFTAIN.

The death of the great chieftain was followed by several years of mourning. Finally Popotne sent a swift messenger to the camp of Kalthama and requested him to meet the Otoes in council assembled at the Salt Licks for the purpose of an amicable adjustment of the difficulty.

A BURGLAR KNOCKS A SERJANT SENSELESS.

While the family of James Symington were absent from their home, No. 38 Morton-st., Brooklyn, last night, the servant at work in the kitchen heard a tampering at the front door.

THE FLAG PRESENTED TO AN ACADEMY.

Kingston, N. Y., Dec. 24 (Special).—A fine American flag was presented to the Kingston Academy this afternoon by the Deady Literary Association.

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Helena, Mont., Dec. 24.—All houses of the Legislature have adjourned until December 27. The session is unchanged.

A CONFIDING SPINSTER SWINDLED.

Walpole, Mass., Dec. 24.—About a year ago Charles Metcalf came to this town from California, and subsequently became engaged to Miss Sarah Nickerson, of Lynn.

Wm. H. Moore & Co. PIANOS,

UNRIVALED IN Tone, Touch, Workmanship & Durability. Invite special attention to their new artistic Styles finished in Designs of HIGHEST DECORATIVE ART.

148 FIFTH AVENUE. QUEEN OF THE BLUE VALLEY.

AN ANCIENT INDIAN LEGEND CONCERNING THE MILFORD SPRINGS.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7 (Special).—While wandering about the Lithium Springs, just at the edge of the little village of Milford, one day last summer, the writer remarked the large number of Indians in the vicinity.

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SOME FUN IN CANADA.

Nicholson, Penn., Dec. 24 (Special).—A Nicholson sportsman, who has hunted for a month in Canada this fall, had the following experience: "The most fun I had on any one day was with a party of three half-breed Indians."

THE NEW BOSTON REVIEW.

FOR JANUARY. Contains Brilliant Papers by Col. R. G. INGERSOLL. On God in the Constitution.

DION BOUCICAULT. Spots on the Sun. A Criticism on Shakespeare.

HENRY GEORGE. To Destroy the "Kum Power."

JOAQUIN MILLER. A Realistic Poem of the Sierra.

LOUIS FRECHETTE. The Original Blue-Bear.

H. O. PENTECOST. The Editor of Twentieth Century.

LAURENCE GRONLUND. Nationalism.

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FOR WINTER USE IN THE VERY LATEST DESIGNS. ALSO LARGE ASSORTMENT OF SLEIGHS.

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Best & Cheapest Without Rival.

HAYNES HAD A GROCERY-STORE AT OCEAN PORT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND AMASSED A LARGE FORTUNE. His wife and son survive him. He was about fifty-five years old.

AN INDIAN FORTNER IN THE TOLLS. Indianapolis, Dec. 24.—James Dalgran, the forger arrested at Brazil, Ind., has made a confession, acknowledging having forged four notes, each for \$600, which he discounted at the Worthington Bank two years ago for \$200.

THREE REVOLVERS ON HIM. Boston, Dec. 24 (Special).—William Sloan, a young Englishman employed by the Thomson-Houston Electric Works at West Lynn, after quarreling with his wife to-day entered the factory where she was employed, brandished a revolver and threatened to shoot some one. Before he could do any harm he was arrested.

THE WASHINGTON FLOUR MILL NOT SOLD. Boston, Dec. 24.—The published statement in yesterday's papers that the C. C. Washburn flouring mills of Minneapolis, had been sold to an English syndicate is this morning corrected by a telegram from the C. C. Washburn Flouring Company, of Minneapolis, the proprietors of the mills, to their Eastern agents.

THROWN FROM HIS WAGON AND KILLED. Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Alfred L. Dued, a 60-year-old man, was thrown from his wagon and instantly killed this afternoon, his team of horses taking fright at a jockeylike at Pemberton.

A PUGILIST AND TRAINER DEAD. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 24.—Jack Sanders, a pugilist and trainer, once well known in England, died to-day. He came to this country twenty-five years ago.

HE CAME OUT ONCE A YEAR—Miss Anabella Guy—Didn't you ever go to Sunday-school, little boy?—John, Kite—Yes, but nobody ask me did you?—Your forsaken lamb? I'll ask you! Where did you go to-day?—Where did you go to-day?—Where did you go to-day?—Where did you go to-day?

OBITUARY. CHARLES ALBERT ASHBURNER. Pittsburg, Dec. 24 (Special).—Charles Albert Ashburner, the geologist, is dead.

Mr. Ashburner was born in Philadelphia on February 9, 1834, and was graduated at the University of Pennsylvania in 1854, ranking first in his class. During the summer of 1874 he was engaged on the survey of the Delaware River, and after he was graduated he accepted a place in the Light-house Survey Service. In 1874 he became an assistant of Professor T. P. Lesley, the head of the newly organized Geological Survey of Pennsylvania. He was actively employed during the latter part of 1874 in the surveys of Mifflin and Juniata Counties, and in 1875 he was appointed assistant geologist, with charge of the surveys of McKean, Elk, Forest and Cameron Counties. In 1880 he was appointed assistant geologist, with charge of the survey of the anthracite coal fields, where he originated a method for surveying and representing the geology of this great coal bed which has received the approbation of mining engineers in the United States and Europe. The ability and skill of Mr. Ashburner in his geological work led to the appointment of Mr. Ashburner, in 1885, as geologist in charge of all the office and field work of the survey. Mr. Ashburner was a member of the American Philosophical Association, the American Institute of Mining Engineers and other scientific societies, to whose proceedings he contributed a number of papers to the literature of many scientific and technical journals and prepared many reports of the Geological Survey of Pennsylvania.

HENRY W. AUSTIN. Chicago, Dec. 24 (Special).—Henry W. Austin died this morning in the village of Oak Park, which he founded. He was sixty years of age and was a wealthy merchant, a man of high character and a prominent prohibitionist. He devoted much of his time and money to the cause of temperance, and the town of Austin was named after him. He also contributed to Mr. Austin's character, it may be explained how the village of Oak Park, which today is one of the leading temperance towns of the State, came to be freed from saloons. The village was situated in the township of Clover, which then contained such a large foreign and drinking element that it was impossible to vote out of the saloons under local option. To accomplish the desired end, Mr. Austin put his hand into his pocket and paid \$5,000 to buy out the saloons. Under an arrangement with the town board that if he did so no more saloons should be granted for that village; and license have been since that time.

DEATH OF A. B. ELLAM. The sudden death of Arthur B. Ellam in the International Hotel, in Park Row, yesterday, will be a surprise to his many friends. He was well known as a newspaper writer and was well acquainted with sportsmen subjects. He came to this country in 1876 in the ship of the Commodore, the Commodore, in Philadelphia. When the exhibition was over he returned to his home, where he had a successful business as a manufacturer of harnesses in London, England, having married a second time. Since then he has identified himself with the various newspapers in this city and was a well-known figure at the race-tracks. For several days he had been despondent and complained of being ill. About 6 p. m. last night a friend saw him sitting in a chair in the parlour of the International Hotel, went up and shook hands with him and found he was dead.

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