

Amusements.

AMERICAN THEATRE—2-315—Monte Cristo.
THEATRE—2-315—The Man of the Sea.
ROADWAY THEATRE—8-10—Fox Quiller.

to provide proper housing for the poor and abolish the danger to the whole community from disease which is nurtured in the tenement houses and spread abroad through the city.

make better terms, and the production of this class of goods increases noticeably. Foreign wool was imported to the extent of 128,250,944 pounds in the last fiscal year, and about 80 per cent was of the cheapest quality.

Persons who are not willing to stand trial for crimes in Cuba should not commit crimes there. Mr. Winston Spencer Churchill, who will this evening deliver the first of the series of lectures which he is to give in this country, is sure of a hearty welcome from Americans.

NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT—THE QUESTION IS WHICH PIN OF WHICH SIECLE? This profitable old nineteenth century has only a few more days left. There are persons who still maintain that this statement should be amended to read, "This untried young twentieth century has ninety-nine years and a few days will left."

It was a dull winter's day, with the first snowfall of any consequence this season, and the asphalt was so slippery that it was almost impossible to drive. The social programme was not filled out. There were a few receptions, a few days at home and a few dinners.

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TO BE INVESTIGATED.
The charge that the recent death of a former West Point cadet resulted from his having been hazed at the Military Academy is to be thoroughly investigated, both by a military board and by a committee of the House of Representatives.

Possibly the Dakota wheat fields may some day be rivalled in Alaska. The Government agent who has been investigating reports that grains can be grown with perfect success in a large part of what was once Seward's frozen folly.

A certain professor of mathematics, in instructing his classes, used to say (perhaps he does still) that Americans could understand problems better when they were put into dollars. Suppose, then, that A owes B \$100.

There were also a number of small receptions. Mrs. Arthur de Saulles gave the second day for her daughter, Miss Caroline de Saulles, at the Lenox, and Mrs. Woodbury Langdon also held a reception for her daughter, Miss Sophie Langdon.

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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

FOREIGN.—The new English Secretary of State for War, Mr. Balfour, in addressing the House of Commons, took a most gloomy view of the situation in South Africa.

FILLING THE VACANCIES.

There is, perhaps, some reason to regret that several men were publicly named as members of the Committee of Fifteen before their consent to serve had been obtained, because a slight impression of uncertainty and lack of interest has resulted from their declining.

A COSTLY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Controller Coler is making public reports as to the expenditure in several of the municipal departments which deepen the anxiety of our taxpayers. His figures concerning the growth of the appropriations for the Fire Department in the last ten years are by no means reassuring.

PERSONAL.

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WU TING-FANG REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS.

HE SAYS HE INTENDED NO ATTACK ON CHRISTIANITY—COMPLIMENT TO IT BY CHOOSING IT AS STANDARD OF COMPARISON. Philadelphian, Dec. 11.—Wu Ting-fang, who came here to deliver an address to-night before the Contemporary Club, made a statement in regard to his address before the Ethical Culture Society in New-York last Sunday on Confucius, comments upon which have since been printed, in which he says:

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

"The Listener," of "The Boston Transcript," who has been visiting this city, pays a generous tribute to its greatness as a metropolis, but says that it is very unmetropolitan in spots. It has a lot of mean little provincial streets; some of its famous business houses are as squallid and dingy as those of a backwoods town; many street crossings have no crosswalks, and rickshaws and horse cars still retain their old-fashioned ways.

FOR THE MAYOR'S ATTENTION.

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THE DEPRESSION IN WOOL.

Seasonable weather has not brought the revival of business that was generally anticipated in the wool industry, and it is becoming apparent that the difficulty was of a more serious nature. Many manufacturers were idle during the months when heavy weight goods are usually taken by jobbers and wholesalers, but it was hoped that after the election had disposed of all fears of a change in the tariff stagnation would cease and normal conditions prevail.

THE WEATHER.

The temperature yesterday: Highest, 33 degrees; lowest, 26; average, 29 1/2.

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Lady Bute has returned to London from her trip to Palestine, where, in accordance with his wishes, she buried her husband's heart in an unmarked resting place on the Mount of Olives.

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