

HARD HITTING IN A PARLOR.

A ROOSEVELT AND A VAN BRUNT TRY THE QUEENSBERRY CODE.

The Men's Clubs Meet the Women's Club of Night at the Old Guard Hall. It is always a hopeless task to decorate a ball room for a ball of the Old Guard...

Neither Mr. Roosevelt nor Mr. Van Brunt wanted to fight, but they intimated that if their friends insisted on bringing them together, merely for a friendly trial of skill, to decide whether Harvard or Oxford could install the more serious into her making...

On Wednesday afternoon their friends secured a big front parlor in Madison avenue. At 8 o'clock servant maids, with tidy aprons and jaunty caps, were busy moving the furniture...

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BRIGHT WITH MANY UNIFORMS.

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It is always a hopeless task to decorate a ball room for a ball of the Old Guard for the brilliancy of the many uniforms on the floor quite excels anything that can be done in the way of ornamentation.

Between them were brilliant bits of color in transparent cloths, and wall panels. The effect was as if there was a fancy bazaar in each balcony.

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A SOCIETY OF ASSASSINS.

CONFESSIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE BAND OF MURDERERS IN FLORIDA.

Banded Together to Kill Persons who Incur Their Enmity—The Assassination of Postmaster Abbe—Flight of the Men in Jail.

BRISTOLTON, Fla., Jan. 22.—The murder of Mr. Abbe, Postmaster and United States Land Commissioner, at Sarasota, Fla., the subsequent discovery of the existence of a society organized for the purpose of removing by assassination all persons objectionable to the organization, as already detailed in special despatches to THE SUN, continues to be the reigning sensation in that part of the State.

It is reported, an unauthenticated report, that the assassin, Charles Willard, after eluding his pursuers for almost two weeks, has given himself up, being driven to it by hunger and suffering.

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STOLEN BY A LAWYER'S COAT.

Important Evidence in the Cotton Trade Case to the President's Record.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 22.—The cotton cases are now in such confusion that it will surprise none if they come to an abrupt termination. Yesterday the State and one of the defendants, Joe Lahnstein, announced themselves ready for trial, and the machinery was started, the Missouri Pacific Railroad's attorney, the Hon. Tom Brown of Sherman, assisted by Mr. H. H. District Attorney, in the prosecution of the case.

The Government has telegraphed both congratulations to Gen. Wolsley and Gen. Stewart. A despatch from Kortz says that a shock of the Kababish tribe arrived there to-day. He had heard of the British victory. He had never seen the Nile until he arrived at Debbeh.

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THE BATTLE ON THE NILE.

STEWART SAID TO HAVE ADVANCED AND CAPTURED METEMH.

The Heroism of the British Troops Entailed and the Late Col. Burnaby Entailed—Father Heavy Fighting Now Expected.

LONDON, Jan. 22.—A report is current that Gen. Stewart has occupied Metemeh. Although this lacks official confirmation, yet it is generally believed, as Gen. Stewart pushed forward with the greater part of his forces immediately after his victory on Saturday near the Abu-Klea wells.

All the morning newspapers extol in glowing terms the heroism of the British troops in Gen. Stewart's battle, and unite in eulogizing Col. Burnaby, who is described as dying like a true British soldier, with his right hand clashed in death about the throat of the Arab horse.

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FIFTY DEGREES BELOW ZERO.

The Lowest Temperature Ever Experienced on Mount Washington.

MR. WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The thermometer this morning recorded 50° below zero, which is one degree colder than the lowest temperature ever recorded here, and which was 49° below in March, 1872. Probably no rougher weather was ever experienced here than that of the present moment—9 A. M. A northwest hurricane is blowing which has averaged 100 miles an hour for the past twelve hours.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Early this morning the mercury fell to 17° below zero in this city, according to the report of the signal service. In the extreme Northwest, however, the cold has moderately softened.

TOLEDO, Jan. 22.—The weather throughout Canada is intensely cold to-day, the thermometer ranging from 10 to 40 degrees below zero.

WHICH IS CORPORATION COUNSEL? The Claims of Mr. Lacombe and Mr. Wood.

The rival claims of E. Henry Lacombe and Edward T. Wood to the office of Corporation Counsel were before the General Term of the Supreme Court yesterday on an agreed statement of the facts.

For Mr. Lacombe, Robert Sewell argued that W. P. Kirk was Mayor from midnight of Monday last to midnight of Tuesday last, and that he was the only person who had been appointed Mayor by the Board of Aldermen.

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GOOD-BY, PARSON NEWMAN.

HE WILL NO LONGER VEX THE CONGREGATIONAL SPIRIT.

Leaving a Molested Pastorate to Run itself, Parson Newman has resigned the pastorate of the Madison Avenue Congregational Church, and deacons were peacefully elected in the lecture room last night.

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