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The assistant professor in the Iola High School of Kansas, Miss Donica, has refused $140 increase of salary giving as a reason the remark attributed to Agassiz, that she "couldn't afford to waste time in making money."

## Essex County Herald.

Governor Matthews recommended in his last message that a compulsory education law be passed in Indiana.

In the dominions of the British empire alone some 8000 individuals vanish every year without leaving any trace.

Only two miles of steam railroad were built in New England during last year, and these were equally divided between Maine and Vermont.

Twenty acres of good land in many parts of California, says the California Fruit Grower, is a sufficient area to provide a good living for an average American family of refined tastes and industrious habits.

In 1790 Benjamin Franklin left $5000 to be loaned to needy apprentices at five per cent. The accumulated principal and interest now amount to $360,000. Poor Richard himself could hardly have managed it more thriftily.

It is proposed that a college for firemen be entablished in New York City. In such an institution men could receive a course of instruction in scientific fire fighting by the most approved methods. The project is being advocated by a number of prominent business men.

Professor Henri Moissan, the distinguished chemist, who came to this country to lecture at the Princeton celebration, says the thing that struck him most, apart from the superb equipment for teaching, was the feeling of affection between the students and the professors.

In his recently issued annual report to the President, Secretary of the Interior David R. Francis called the attention of Congress to the necessity of legislation looking to the reclamation of arid lands. He asserts that of the 500,000,000 acres of arid lands 100,000,000 acres might be reclaimed by the conservative use of water.

The eighty-nine Senators, composing the upper house in the first session of the Fifty-fourth Congress were divided as follows: Lawyers, 68; business men, including bankers, miners, ship-owners and stock raisers, 13: preachers, 1; farmers, 2; journalists, 2; surgeons, 1; and office holders, so-called in the absence of a better classification, 3.

According to the London Figaro the Prince of Wales is the greatest spendthrift in the world. The statement is made that he has spent $50,000,000 in the last thirty-three years. From the English nation he has received $25,000,000, and $5,000,000 more for traveling expenses and special allowances. He has, besides, private debts amounting to $20,000,000.

The New York papers are sounding a note of warning to the effect that if the port charges be not reduced that port will shortly take a back seat to Norfolk, Baltimore, Newport News and Philadelphia. They carefully abstain from any reference to New Orleans, which has lately been cutting a big swath in the matter of grain exports, notes the Picayune.

Professor Krafft-Ebing, who holds the chair on mental diseases at the University of Vienna, Austria, introduced a startling novelty into one of his instructions a fortnight ago by permitting a madman to lecture in his place. The man is afflicted by periodic attacks of mania, during which he is much more clever and witty than when sane. His lecture on "The Mental Condition of the Maniacs in Periodical Attacks of Madness" was a brilliant success. At the close of it he was again placed in confinement.

The Young Men's Christian Association has recently celebrated its thirtieth anniversary. Its membership is now 263,298. Thirty years ago there was not a single building owned by the associations. Now there are 315, valued at $16,759,890. Last year the expenditures for carrying on their work amounted to $2,296,441. They have 495 gymnasiums, 799 reading rooms, 355 educational classes, with 25,886 students, and 761 Bible-training classes. Among the Indians there are 41 associations, 61 among colored people, 108 for railroad men and 480 for college students.

A Brussels paper relates that not long ago the Prince of Monaco killed a whale on the coast of Africa, and made a present of it to some fishermen, who, on cutting open the whale's body, found a large amount of ambergris, which they sold for $20,000.

## BOSTON LETTER.

[SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.]

The long agony is over so far as the city clerkship is concerned, and J. Mitchell Galvin was re-elected by the board of aldermen on Monday night. He had already been re-elected by the common council and needed only the concurrence of the upper body. The action of the board demonstrates two things: That the much talked of Atwood-Lomasney combination was not as strong as it was suspected, and that Lomasney does not fill the place in the Democratic party held by the late Patrick Maguire. Barrels of bad blood have been engendered on both sides, which will not work itself clear until the municipal election next fall, even if it does then. By the way, Edward J. Donovan, collector of internal revenue, has resigned his position to become the manager of a big brewery. It was Donovan whom Lomasney wanted to make city clerk six years ago, Galvin beating him out in the race. Lomasney has never forgiven Galvin, hence his hunt for the latter's scalp. Donovan would have to go with the incoming of the Republican administration, and simply jumped while he saw a place to land. He has filled the office, be it said, with entire satisfaction, a fact which counts for nothing among hungry office-seekers of either party.

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The now famous Fuller-Warren heating contract for one of the schoolhouses came up in the school board meeting this week. The mayor, after signing the order, had practically vetoed it, owing to the scandalous manner in which the contract was procured. A minority report of two (Messrs. Lowell and Eaton) upheld the Mayor, but the report was overridden by a big majority. The contract "goes," unless the Mayor has some cards up his sleeve.

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And speaking of the Mayor, he gave some very neat hits to the newspaper men at their annual banquet, which was held this week at the American House. The nuggets of wit came out so fast that some of them were caught and some were not until they got past and the crowd was scrabbling for another. Not the least amusing episode at the banquet was the little good-natured passage at arms between the Mayor and the irrepressible Henry Faxon, who, by the way, comes from Quincy and has known the Mayor ever since the latter was "so year old." Mr. Faxon, who is "as rich as mud," always gives the prizes at the Press Club dinners, and the prizes are always unabridged dictionaries. Mr. Faxon had interrupted the Mayor, who, turning, said that he was glad to see his old neighbor present and in a new role. "In times past in Quincy," he said, "he has devoted himself mostly to the cause of temperance. I am very glad to see that, in entering Boston, he is enlarging his sphere of activity. In Quincy there have been people who needed the full vocabulary of an unabridged dictionary to express their opinion of Mr. Faxon." The Mayor took the boys into his confidence and explained that his real reason for wishing the establishment of a municipal printing plant was to establish ultimately a municipal newspaper which should make nothing but favorable comments on the administration, and to train young journalists in the same line. Beerbohm Tree, the really great English actor, was present and spoke. He remarked that good talkers were seldom good speakers, and vice versa. If this were paraphrased and made to read "Great actors," etc., he gave a beautiful object lesson.

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Two peculiar bills have come up for discussion next week on Beacon Hill. The first is by "Tom" Keenan and provides that all new corporations shall after 25 years pay 5 per centum per annum of their capital stock into the State treasury; that if they disband before they are 25 years old, the State shall have 5 per cent. of the assets after the creditors are paid, and that existing corporations shall pay the same rate the 25 years to date from the passage of the bill. The other is the report of the committee to which was referred the matter of an official visit to the Nashville (Tenn.) exposition to be held in May. The bill provides that there be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth a sum not exceeding $10,000, to be expended under the direction of the Governor and council, to enable the Commonwealth to be represented at the Tennessee centennial and international exposition, to be held in the city of Nashville." The following officials are "nominated in the bond": The Governor and six members of his staff, the lieutenant-governor, four members of the executive council, three special commissioners to be appointed by the governor with the consent of the council, the secretary of the Commonwealth, the treasurer and receiver-general, the auditor of accounts, the attorney-general, the adjutant-general, the speaker and clerk of the house of representatives, the sergeant-at-arms, and a special committee of eight members of the Senate and eighteen members of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the presiding officers of the two branches, respectively. The commissioners appointed by the governor shall serve without pay, but may employ a clerk, who shall receive such compensation as said commissioners may determine, provided that the same shall be paid out of the $10,000 allowed by this resolve." It is needless to say that the first named bill will be defeated, and as needless to say that the last-named will go through.

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Two notable celebrations this week have been the 30th anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Alexander McKenzie of Cambridge and the 25th anniversary of Rev. B. F. Hamilton over Roxbury. This is the church which the late John S. Abbott, the historian, and his brother, the delightful author of the delightful "Rollo Books," were at one time pastors. The church, by the way, is Trinitarian, and the Abbotts were too "liberal" for the times. In these days of short pastorates, where an offer of increase of salary causes many ministers to "pray for guidance while mother packs up," the events were notable ones.

## CABINET BUILDING.

### Alger and Gage for War and Treasury.

#### Former Accepted First Offer—Bankers Approve Gage.

CANTON, Feb. 2—Gen. Russell A. Alger, past national commander of the G. A. R., has accepted the War portfolio. In speaking of this General Alger said that the first and only tender of the office that had been made to him was made by the incoming President at the McKinley home, on the day of acceptance.

When asked as to the policy he will pursue in reference to Cuba, and as to the general policy of the department of which he is to be the head, Gen. Alger said that he has not given that matter any attention. The acceptance of the war secretaryship had just been made and he had not had opportunity to outline any policy for the department or to think about the things that he would like to have done. He added, however, in a significant way: "If there had been time to consider the matters mentioned

RUSSELL A. ALGER.

I would probably be too much of a soldier to tell you exactly what the plans are. I have no thought of the men whom I will name as assistants, for I have been in position to assume such authority only a short time. These questions will be considered later."

In speaking of the alleged coolness between him and Sherman Gen. Alger said: "There is no trouble between Senator Sherman and myself. Senator Burrows was right when he said some weeks ago that whatever differences there might have been in the past between Senator Sherman and me no longer exist. We understand one another perfectly on that point, and I anticipate pleasure being in the cabinet."

The selection of Lyman J. Gage for secretary of the treasury is praised by public men of all parties except the extreme silverites and populists, who hate a national banker on general principles, and the extreme republican partisans, who hate "mugwumps," and call Mr. Gage one because he voted for Cleveland in 1884, and has taken the Chicago Tribune view of the tariff. Even these men do not question the peculiar fitness of Mr. Gage for the place in point of character, ability, energy and experience, and all are agreed that he will make a strong secretary of the treasury. President Cleveland and President Harrison are both understood to have considered Mr.

LYMAN J. GAGE.

Gage in connection with the treasury portfolio, and both are known to have the highest opinion of him.

Mr. Gage was born in Madison county, N. Y., in 1836. For nearly forty-five years he has been a resident of Chicago. As a banker and financier his reputation is world-wide. At present he is president of the First National bank, Chicago. He has held many responsible positions and in all has maintained a character for integrity, benevolence and financial ability, second to none in the country. He was one of the foremost among the promotors of the World's Fair and was honored with the nomination of the presidency of the local board of directors. Mr. Gage is a sound money democrat.

## ONE ALWAYS PROMINENT.

### Death of One of the Best Known Men in Massachusetts.

CONCORD, Mass., Feb. 2—George Heywood of this town has just died here. Mr. Heywood was one of the best known men throughout the state. He was born in Concord, May 24, 1826, and graduated from Harvard University in 1848.

Shortly afterwards he entered on the practice of law, and in the profession achieved success Mr. Heywood was always prominent in town affairs, having succeeded his father, Abiel, in the office of Town Clerk, which he retained more than a quarter of a century. He was seven years a member of the Legislature (1862-1865) and five years (1889 to 1885) an Executive Councilor.

Mr. Heywood was for many years at the head of banking concerns in Concord and was for years secretary and treasurer of the Middlesex Fire Insurance company, succeeding his father in that position. He was also for years a director of the Fitchburg railroad. He was a life-long republican, a man of good executive ability and universally respected.

### Hon. Frank Jones President.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Feb. 2—Committees from the old and new boards of trade have met and decided to effect a union of the two boards. The members of the new board will join the old one, and officers will be selected from both bodies, with the Hon. Frank Jones as president.

### Will Be Missed by Liberals.

LONDON, England, Feb. 2—Sir George Otto Trevelyan, M. P., for the Bridgeton division of Glasgow, has just resigned his seat in the House of Commons, owing to ill-health. Sir George has been a prominent figure in politics for many years, and his retirement will be severely felt by the Liberal party. From 1868 to 1870 he was a lord of admiralty, and later became secretary to the admiralty. In May, 1882, he was appointed chief secretary for Ireland, and two years later was made chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, with a seat in the cabinet. In 1886, and again from 1892 to 1895, he was secretary for Scotland.

## General Vermont News.

The Daughters of Vermont have just given a delightful reception in honor of their recent entrance into state and national federation. The affair was at the Vendome in Boston. The guests were received by Miss Helen M. Winslow, president of the club; Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, president of the state federation, and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Gosse of the state committee of correspondence in the national federation, the guests being presented by Mrs. Oliver Crocker Stevens, Mrs. Abby Cousins, Miss Whittier, and other well-known members of the club. After the reception, the company assembled in the banquet hall, where the addresses of welcome were made, and where, in response to a general request, Mrs. Howe recited her hymn "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," the entire company singing the chorus at close with thrilling effect. Mrs. Howe made a delightful speech of welcome to the women of the Green Mountain state, saying that the women of New England are sisters in mind and heart, whether coming from the green mountains of Vermont, the white hills of New Hampshire or the pine-clad hills of Maine. In the absence of Mrs. Alice Ives Breed, national vice president, Mrs. Lillian Breed, state chairman, who, together with Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, the national president, sent charming letters, which were read. The words of greeting and welcome from the national federation were spoken by Mrs. Gosse.

The commissioners appointed by Gov. Grout to represent Vermont in the Tennessee centennial exposition have just met at Montpelier for organization. The commissioners are Lieut.-Gov. N. W. Fisk of Isle La Motte, H. N. Turner of St. Johnsbury, A. B. Valentine of Bennington, M. F. Allen of Ferrisburgh, N. L. Boyden of Randolph, N. G. Williams of Bellows Falls, John N. Woodlin of Rutland, Fred H. Wells of Burlington, C. C. Warren of Waterbury, W. Tracy Smith of St. Albans, G. W. Pierce of Brattleboro, A. M. Foster of Cabot, and H. W. Vial of Pomfret. An organization was effected by electing H. N. Turner of St. Johnsbury, president; N. L. Boyden of Randolph, secretary; C. C. Warren of Waterbury, treasurer; and N. G. Williams of Bellows Falls, W. Tracy Smith of St. Albans, H. W. Vial of Pomfret, F. H. Wells of Burlington, and J. N. Woodlin of Rutland, executive committee.

Miss Gertie P. Leet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leet of Burlington, and Walter C. Winters were recently married. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. W. S. Roberts. The bride's sister, Miss Edith Leet, was bridesmaid and Edward Lee was best man. ... Mrs. Edward Bombard of Burlington, has just died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Martin Fowler in Colchester. Mrs. Bombard, was 36 years old and about five weeks ago went to Colchester to visit her sister. ... Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pratt have just celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage. About 25 couples were present.... Stannard Post, No. 2, G. A. R., has just held a camp fire at which Gen. O. O. Howard was the speaker. His subject was "My Experiences at the Battle of Fair Oaks."

H. Charles Royce of St. Albans delivered an address on February 4, upon "Founders' Day" at the Brigham academy, Bakersfield ... Miss Gertrude Fonda and Miss Mary V. Fonda of St. Albans will spend the remainder of the winter in California.... William W. Edwards, who has resided in St. Albans for the past two years, sailed for Glasgow, Scotland, from Portland, Me., on Thursday ... The proceeds received from the lecture on the "Story of Atlantis" recently delivered by Mrs. J. Gregory Smith will liquidate the debt incurred in the purchase of the ice water fountain, which has recently been placed on the park.

The Vermont Bee Keepers' association has elected these officers: President, H. W. Scott of Barre; vice-presidents, Addison county, Miss M. A. Douglass of Shoreham; Chittenden county, D. D. Howe of Burlington; Franklin county, F. M. Wright of East Enosburg; Lamoille county, J. W. Smith, Moscow; Orange county, M. F. Cram of West Brookfield; Rutland county, V. N. Forbes of West Haven; secretary, M. F. Cram of West Brookfield; treasurer, H. L. Leonard, of Brandon. The next convention will be held in Burlington in January, 1898.

The Sons and Daughters of Vermont met recently at Worcester, Mass., President Charles A. Vaughan in the chair. A new constitution was adopted. In order to be members applicants must either be natives of, or have lived in Vermont 10 years. The constitution fixes the annual membership fee at $1. Vacancies in the list of officers were filled as follows: Vice-president, F. O. Bushnell; historian, A. W. Edson; executive committee, J. C. Pellet, George L. Bliss, H. W. Jackson, E. A. Trask, Dr. H. W. Watkins; auditors, C. S. Yeaw and Dr. Wesley Davis.

H. C. McDuffee of Bradford has in his possession a very interesting paper, showing the patriotism of some of the early settlers of the town, says the Opinion. It was written by his father, John McDuffee, in 1812, and signed by nineteen of the inhabitants of Bradford and adjoining towns. These men were exempt by law from military duty, but they nevertheless offered themselves in the defense of their country. The first signer was Captain Emerson Corless, who had been a soldier in the "War of the Revolution," and will be remembered by some of the older people.

The Randolph Musical association is making preparations for one of the grandest musical conventions ever held in Vermont. It will convene on February 23 and 24. A chorus of 200 voices will take part. Several celebrated soloists from without the state have been engaged. Prof. W. A. Barrington of Keene, N. H., will be the director, and Beedle's orchestra, of Keene, N. H., will be in attendance.

The Y. P. L. S. of North Hero has appointed officers to serve a month as follows: Ira Kingsley, president; Anna Tudhope, vice-president; Mattie Hazen, secretary; Mrs. H. C. Ladd, treasurer; Martin Hazen, sergeant-at-arms. Ada Harrison, Mary Hibbard, Nathan Kingsley, Albert Minchler, Ray Hathaway, Herbert Durham, Stanley Dodds have been admitted to membership. There are now twenty-nine members.

Mrs. Lepha (Chase) Allen of Westford, after an illness of several months, has just died at her home. She leaves a son, two daughters, and two sisters. She was a member of the Congregational church.... Mrs. Bashaw, mother of Mrs. Charles King of Westford, and herself a former resident of this town, was recently buried at Milton.

Philip Shultis of the Commercial house at Highgate, 76 years, has just died. A large attendance, at the funeral, of citizens of the town showed their respect for the deceased and his family.... Mrs. Salina Bovatt, a widow of advanced years, has just died at Highgate. She leaves two grown-up sons.

The thermometer at St. Albans Bay registered 24 degrees below zero during the recent cold snap.... From the donation party for Rev. M. H. Ryan eighty-three dollars were turned over to Mr. Ryan after all the expenses were paid.

Mrs. W. R. Wright, a former resident of Hyde Park, has just died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grace Riley, in Proctor. She leaves a husband, one son and two daughters. She was buried at Proctor.

Deacon James Charter, aged 87, for many years one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Windham county, died at the home of her first daughter, Mrs Annie V. C. Leavitt, in Buffalo, N. Y.

Jerry N. Sanborn, a long respected resident of Franklin, has just died after a long illness. He leaves a wife and three daughters. Mr. Sanborn was member of the G. A. R. post of Franklin.

School has reopened at Sampsonville with Miss Lida Thompson of Swanton as teacher. The session will continue for six weeks.

Mrs. Eva (Moran) Church of Fletcher has just died after a long illness of consumption. She leaves a husband and son.

Rev. R. J. Chrystie, the Methodist minister of Sheldon, and Miss Ethel Holmes were married on Monday evening.

## CUBAN MATTERS.

### Why Reforms Have Been Delayed---Cuban's Fault.

#### Liberal Measure Offered Amounts to Home Rule—Recent Battles.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2—A frank review of the conditions which have delayed the extension of sweeping reforms by the Spanish government in Cuba has been prepared by Senor Arturo Cuyas, the president of the Associated Spanish and Cuban Press, and for twenty-seven years the staff correspondent of the "Diario de la Marino," the organ of the Reform party in Cuba.

Senor Cuyas, after pointing out the various liberal concessions made by Spain, the reforms accomplished and proposed says: "But the Cuban agitators in the United States prevented the promulgation of the latest reforms in the Island by inducing a few secessionists to join them in a revolt, which soon increased in magnitude, owing to the great number of negro laborers who were idle on account of a monetary crisis due to the low price of sugar. It has always been the purpose of Cuban secessionists to prevent any liberal measure being adopted in Cuba as removing any just cause of complaint on which to base their rebellious attitude.

"Although retarded by the insurrection, which broke out in February, 1895, 10 days after its passage, this reform law will be carried out in Cuba as soon as the situation in the island warrants, with additional concessions, which will amount practically to home rule.

"Such is the intention of the Spanish government, as outlined by the Queen-regent in her last message to the Cortes, and as confirmed subsequently, on July 44, by the prime minister, Senor Canovas, in a memorable speech, when he declared that the sincerity both of her majesty and the government in promising more ample and liberal reforms for Cuba was unquestionable.

"The reform law of 1895 has just been promulgated in Porto Rico, and the announcement comes from official sources that additional concessions will shortly be extended to Cuba, as the government is now satisfied that the insurrection is on its last legs, and the loyal inhabitants of the island—who constitute the great majority—should no longer be deprived of the advantages of self-administration.

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 2—Advices from Havana say: Rumors have lately been circulated that the rebels are demoralized, weakened and ready to surrender, especially in the province of Pinar del Rio.

Recently as a military train was crossing a culvert at Oceagura tremendous dynamite explosions occurred, ditching the engine and tender. The engineer, fireman and thirteen soldiers were killed, and the surgeon, twenty soldiers, the conductor and a brakeman, were wounded.

The official reports daily announce numerous encounters in different sections of the country. In order to diminish their importance, they are always reported as skirmishes, with considerable rebel losses. When the affair assumes large proportions the details are suppressed.

Advices from Pinar announce the change of leadership in rebel forces. Aranguereen has struck another blow in the vicinity of Havana, sacking and burning the hamlets of Cruz, Piedra and Bacuranao, near Guanabacoa.

The rebels have burned most of the town of Nuva Paz in Havana province, despite the fact that the town was protected by 10 forts with a garrison of 300 men. All were taken by surprise when they saw the rebels in the place. All the stores were looted and then burned.

LONDON, England, Feb. 2—The Standard's Madrid correspondent telegraphs that Queen Regent Christina will, on Thursday next, at a meeting of the cabinet, sign Prime Minister Canovas' scheme for reform in the Spanish West Indies.

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 2—Neither in official nor in military circles is there any information to the effect that the American prisoners will soon be released. Consul-General Lee is also ignorant of such contemplated action on the part of the Spanish authorities.

A prominent lumber merchant, Senor Miguel Diaz, has been appointed mayor of Havana. His election has given occasion to critical discussions rather unfavorable to him.

The Gaceta (official) prints three decrees issued by Capt.-Gen. Weyler from his headquarters at Cruces. These decrees order the enforcement in the province of Santa Clara of the provisions of his last three previous decrees relative to the concentration of the inhabitants, the sale of goods and the establishments of zones of cultivation, as provided for in the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Matanzas.

### Closed His Campaign.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 2—The Rev. Sam Jones closed his month of evangelistic work in the People's Temple on Sunday. In addition to the Temple meetings of the month Mr. Jones has held noon meetings in Faneuil hall, and wherever he has preached it has been to crowded houses, except on three stormy days. That his work in Boston has been fraught with some good is evidenced in the fact that over 2,500 persons have signified their intention to lead better lives. Mr. Jones left for his home in Cartersville, Ga., and after a few days' rest he goes to Nashville, Tenn., for a series of meetings.

CHARLES W. FAIRBANKS.

Charles Warren Fairbanks, of Indianapolis, will succeed Daniel Voorhees as United States senator from Indiana. He will take his seat at the opening session of the Fifty-fifth Congress. Mr. Fairbanks takes to the Senate the requisites for such a position—learning, culture, eloquence, conservative energy and tact. He is one of the foremost lawyers of the West, and a man of wealth. He is a staunch republican and occupies a commanding position in his party, being recognized as one of the leading western republicans. He was temporary chairman of the Republican National convention at St. Louis.

### Carried Farragut Ashore.

YORK, Me., Feb. 2—William H. Manson, one of the oldest residents of York, Me., and a veteran of the civil war, is dead, after a long illness. He was the sailor who carried Admiral Farragut ashore on his back at New Orleans at the time the Union fleet fought its way past the forts on the Mississippi. Mr. Manson's life in the navy was an interesting one. He figured in many remarkable exploits, and wason the Cumberland when she was sunk by a rebel ram in Hampton Roads. Mr. Manson was

## OLD HERO GONE.

### Fighting Blood Thick in His Veins—Honors and Titles.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 2—Gen. John Eugene Smith, a veteran of the civil war, has just died here, aged 81 years. He was born in the canton of Berne, Switzerland, on Aug. 3, 1816. His father, John Bander Smith, followed the fortunes of Napoleon, shared the rigor of the Russian campaign, and was one of the few survivors of the fatal retreat from Moscow. The father was severely wounded at Waterloo. Leaving his native land, he arrived in Philadelphia Nov. 30, 1816, where he died Sept. 22, 1848.

The son received an academic education, learned the jeweler's trade, was honored by offices in the gift of the town of Galena, Ill., where he had settled.

He was elected county treasurer for Jo Daviess county in 1860, and the same year was appointed aide-de-camp to the Hon. Richard Yates, governor of Illinois. He reported for active duty on April 15, 1861, assisted in re-organizing the three months' troops. He was also with General Grant and others in organizing the ten provisional regiments authorized by the special session of the Legislature known as the ten-regiment bill.

After the first battle of Bull Run he recruited and organized the 45th regiment, Illinois volunteers, known as the Washburn Lead Mine regiment, and was commissioned its colonel, ranking from July 23, 1861. This regiment followed the fortunes of the army of the Tennessee, and participated with honor in all the marches and battles of that army to the end of the rebellion.

Col. Smith was promoted brigadier-general of volunteers Nov. 29, 1862, and assigned to the command of the 8th division, left wing, 16th army corps, March 25.

He was assigned to 1st brigade, 3d division, 17th army corps, June 3, 1863, and to the 3d division, 17 army corps, in October, 1863. On the march to the relief of Chattanooga this division was designated as the 3d division, 15th army corps, participating in all the marches, including the great "march to the sea," and battles of the army of the Tennessee, to the close of the war. After the surrender of the confederate forces he was relieved from duty with the army of the Tennessee, and assigned to the command of the district of West Tennessee, with headquarters at Memphis.

He was mustered out of the volunteer service April 30, 1866; March 2, 1867, he was breveted brigadier-general, U. S. A., and brevet major-general, U. S. A. He also served on the western plains.

## MAY BE GEN. CRAIGHILL.

### Talk of General Walker's Successor at the "Tech."

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 2—The name of General William E. Craighill, ex-chief engineer of the United States army, is "mentioned" as a possible successor of the late General Francis A. Walker as president of the Institute of Technology. General Craighill retired from active service in the army on Saturday, prefering to do this voluntarily rather than to wait until July 1, when he would be subject to compulsory retirement.

He has made a distinguished record during his 43 years of active service in the army, and has several times declined to accept the appointment of Superintendent af the Military Academy at West Point. He is the only military officer ever chosen to the Presidency of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Gen. Craighill was born in Charlestown, W. Va., in 1833; entered the Military Academy at West Point in 1849, and four years later was graduated second in his class. His meritorious services during the war were recognized by brevets of lieutenant colonel and colonel. After the war he was assistant professor of civil and military engineering at West Point, and assistant in the engineer bureau of the war department for two different periods of four years each.

He has been twice sent to Europe on important engineering missions by the government: was a member of the Lighthouse board in Washington for several years, and in connection with river and harbor work, has charge of many important public improvements, among them being several along the Massachusetts coast.

## TWO FIRE LOSSES.

### Grain Elevator and Elegant House Burned.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Jan. 2—The grain elevator and hay sheds of J. O. Ellison & Co. have just been burned, entailing a loss of about $10,000. The fire was one of the hardest that has occurred here for years, and the entire department was called out.

An old man, Peter Tremblay, and the family of his daughter, Mrs. Robideaux, were sleeping in the tenement, and were taken out by the police, almost suffocated by smoke. The stock in the Ellison sheds and elevator will be a complete loss, and the buildings are practically destroyed.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., Feb. 2—The residence of Joseph C. Collins in Hartsville has just been burned. Mr. and Mrs. Collins went sleigh riding, and upon returning, half an hour later, discovered their house in flames.

The flames started in the attic, and all efforts to save the house were fruitless. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective chimney. Loss about $15,000, including diamonds belonging to Mrs. Collins and valuable bric-a-brac; partially insured. Mr. Collins had recently removed from New York to Hartsville and had an elegant country home.

## WHEELS BLOCKED AGAIN.

### Colleges Will Not Yet Get the Fayerweather Millions.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2—Just on the eve of the contemplated distribution of the Fayerweather $3,000,000 residuary estate, the nieces of the deceased millionaire have taken another step which will, for the present at least, stay the division of the large estate, and may cause further litigation of a serious character.

It was supposed with the recent decision of the court of appeals sustaining the will of Mr. Fayerweather and holding that his residuary fortune should be divided among the 20 colleges named in his will, that a stop would be put to further litigation. Pending the hearing of the motion, a stay is granted, which puts a stop to all further actions on the part of the executors.

### A Question of Liability.

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt., Feb. 2—George I. Punt, a well known conductor on the Connecticut River division of the Boston & Maine has just died at his residence in North Walpole, N. H. There is an interesting question as to the liability of an accident insurance company. Conductor Punt had been confined to the house with a bruised knee, but had been getting about on crutches since Christmas. He was otherwise well. It is a question whether the injury induced blood poisoning, thereby causing heart failure.

### No Will to Break.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 2—The unostentatious funeral of the widow of millionaire Flood has just taken place. She was left $12,000,000. Before she passed away she divided the entire estate between her two children and died without a dollar.

WOODSVILLE, N. H.—The annual report of Grafton county has just been presented to the citizens. Grafton county has been one of the few sections of New Hampshire to show a financial gain during 1896. The finances are in excellent condition and the debt has been decreased during the past year $4,247, leaving a net debt Jan. 1, 1897 of $13,889.20.