Weekly Times

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1879.

It is stated, apparently by authority, that Mrs. Sprague has made up her mind to sue for a divorce.

MARK TWAIN is in politics. That is to say, his brother-in-law has been appointed commissary general on Governor Cornell's staff.

THE Inter-Ocean endorses the sentiment of Kansas on the Presidential question, and says "Let's call it Grant and Blaine, and make it unanimous."

A KEOKUK man was introduced to Gen. Sherman the other day, and innocently inquired if the General "was in the last war." The General hasn't recovered from the shock yet.

THE winter term of the State Agricultural College, begins Friday, January 23. The winter term continues twelve weeks, and will be followed, without intermission, by a spring term of eleven weeks.

THE Tribune says Carter Harrison is already engaged upon the masterly address with which he expects to welcome the Republican National Convention that assembles in Chicago next June.

AT Washington they take a little more than a full week for Christmas. All the departments close at noon to-day, and remain closed till Friday, and then will be open only three hours a day until after New Years.

MR GEE JAM, a Chinaman, spoke in Mr. Beecher's church the other evening. He said his people had been much better treated in California since the arrival of Gen. Grant. Suppose that China joins the Grant boom, too; then what?

THE result of the proceedings before the proper authorities of the Presbyterian Church, against the Rev. De Witt Talmage, is an unqualified triumph for him. The Presbytery of Long Island, to which the case was appealed from the decision of the synod, by a two-thirds vote, sustained Dr. Talmage, dismissing the appeal against him.

THE discovery, by the British, of Yakoob Khan's buried treasure, at Cabul, it appears by a cablegram, tends to throw some light upon the inwardness of the situation in Afghanistan. The hidden treasure consisted of Russian gold, which goes to confirm the suspicions of the British, and discloses from whence came the sinews of war which have enabled the natives to repulse the forces of England at every point.

AN INTERESTING STORY.

One of our most esteemed contributors, J. W. Nichaus, Esq, takes up a very large share of our space this morning with an original Christmas story, written expressly for THE TIMES, and which will positively not appear in any other paper.

THEY WANT A VOTE.

The Senate Committee which went to Louisiana to procure evidence upon which to expell Senator Kellogg from his seat found absolutely nothing against Kellogg, but they will probably recommend, all the same, that he shall be expelled. What the Democrats in the Senate want is Spofford's vote, and it makes no great difference to them whether Spofford was elected or not.

AFGHANISTAN

The alarm in English military circles over General Roberts' situation in Afghanistan continues, though somewhat mitigated by the statements telegraphed from India that he is well intrenched, has ample ammunition and supplies, and an available fighting force of 6,000 men. The government which is responsible for this perilous situation, will breathe more freely when the crisis is past.

THE EXODUS.

In the debate in the Senate, on the resolution to investigate the negro exodus, the *Inter Ocean's* Washington correspondent states that Senator Ingalls said "he had talked with many emigrants who went to Kansas, and so far as he could learn they went there to secure a fair day's pay for an honest day's work and equal political and civil rights. He had not found a single case where they had been inveigled into going by any "forty acres and a mule."

GO TO MAINE.

The *Inter-Ocean* wants to know if it isn't about time for the "visiting statesmen" to take a little trip down to Augusta, in the State of Maine? To be sure, they can hardly expect to be entertained there with quadroon balls, such as they had at New Orleans, but they can get fried fresh cod-fish balls to their hearts' content, and where "fraud" than the Pelicans ever thought of. Let the v. s. delegation go to Maine. There hasn't been such an opening for them in some time.

MAKING DIAMONDS

People who have invested in diamonds probably need not at once become panic-stricken when they hear that a Scotch chemist has learned how the precious stones might be manufactured. A great many other wise men have sincerely believed, in days past, that they had succeeded in unveiling in a similar manner one of the most deuiously hidden secrets of Nature's laboratory, and still the diamond market has never been overloaded. It is of course possible that the Scotchman has done better than his predecessors, and has really discovered how to make diamonds as cheap as paving stones; but it will be worth while to await for proof of the fact before accounting natural diamonds as mere dirt.

THE HOLIDAY TRADE.

The holiday trade of Leavenworth thus far has been excellent. Those of our merchants who deal in such articles as are affected by the peculiar demands of the season state that their business has never been better during holiday times than so far this year, and indeed but few years have ever been as good. The weather has been seasonable, and this, in connection with the fact that the year has been one of unusual prosperity in all portions of the State, has served to make the demand especially heavy. Whatever effects Kansas in general, effects Leavenworth in particular. Our wholesale houses ship goods to every nook and corner of the State, and hence when the people of the State are prosperous our wholesale houses are prosperous, and this, of course, gives impetus to the retail trade. The immense business being done at this time by dealers in every kind of goods suitable to the holiday trade furnishes an excellent illustration of this fact, and shows conclusively that so far as Kansas is concerned the "business depression" is a thing of the past; the "boom" is here in good earnest, and seems to have come to stay.

ASTOUNDING ENTERPRISE.

The most surprising exhibition of newspaper enterprise that this portion of the country has ever witnessed is just now being made by two Kansas City morning papers, in what they call "Washington specials." Here is a specimen of the remarkable specials referred to:

WASHINGTON, DEC. 22.—The news from Maine causes Republicans here to believe that if all the Republican members of the Legislature are counted out the Democrats will have control of both houses by a large majority. There was a report this morning that Gen. Garfield had been closetted with the President for five hours last night, and both arrived at the above conclusion. Subsequent rumors, however, contradict this report, and it is now generally believed that there has not been any interview between General Garfield and the President, and that in such interview the Maine subject was not touched upon. There is no truth in the report that Governor Cornell had agreed to recommend General Sherman for Minister to England. The report is supposed to have grown out of a rumor to the effect that the Governor of North Carolina had been heard to say to the Governor of South Carolina that he thought it was mighty seldom how such amicable relations should exist between the Governor of New York and the Sherman family. This is not supposed to have any bearing upon the Grant movement in Virginia.

Both the Kansas City morning papers contain a lot of stuff every day just such as the above, which they parade under a big display of headlines as special dispatches from Washington. If there should be anybody verdant enough to believe that this drivel is really sent by telegraph from Washington, he would be forced to conclude that there is an idiot at each end of the line—one to send the stuff and the other to pay for it.

CAUGHT.

In a recent lecture Wendell Phillips declared that Nast, the artist, caricatured John Brown at the time of the Harper's Ferry raid in a most heartless manner in Harper's Weekly, "making him either devilishly ugly or ridiculous." To this Harper's Weekly responds with the statement that "Mr. Nast was not then contributing to this paper, and all the illustrations of the capture and trial of John Brow were engraved from sketches by 'Porte Crayon" (Colonel Strother), who drew the portrait of the rugged old man just as he appeared without the least intention of caricature."

Wit, Sensation and Sense.

[Editorial Cor. Ellsworth Reporter.]

That ancient town in the history of this sunny State, Leavenworth was the next stopping place. The town itself does not merit much praise on account of its lack of enterprise, but there is one thing that is commendable and that is the newspaper enterprise of the LEAVENWORTH TIMES, the leading newspaper in the west, alive to all interests of State and nation, and under the management of that pushing of all editors, Col. D. R. Anthony is making a name and wielding an influence for good felt all over this State which it works hard to build up. We were well entertained at the office by the editor-in-chief, Mr. Anthony, and city editor, Will Von Bentnusen, who make the columns of THE TIMES sparkle with wit, sensation and sense. We thank them for courtesies shown us.

Always Expresses its Convictions.

[Russell Independent, 19.]

As a sterling, reliable and in every respect first-class newspaper, we do not know any publication in this State more worthy of general patronage than the pioneer daily and weekly journal, the LEAVENWORTH TIMES. D. R. Anthony, the editor and proprietor, is a strong man, and his characteristics of independence will and indomitable energy are strikingly displayed in his journal, which we may say wields a political influence not second to any possessed by any journal in this State. THE TIMES is ever outspoken; never hesitating to express its convictions upon any question of national interest. We will furnish THE WEEKLY TIMES to such of our subscribers as may desire that valuable journal, at the very low rates of one dollar and twenty-five cents per year.

Always Takes It in Water

[Inter-Ocean.]

Mme. Chizzola says that Patti drinks less than any woman she knows. "She takes *some*, but in water."

The Kansas Editors' Ticket.

[Washington Cor. Kansas City Times.]

There is a strong probability that the Republican ticket will be Grant and Blaine, but in no event will Grant's friends support Sherman.

Now the Bell Goes a Ringin' for Sarah

[Albany Journal.]

Mlle. Sara Bernhardt, having eclipsed the gayety of this nation by declining to come over and play in our presence, repents of her thoughtless cruelty. It is now stated on good authority that she has resumed negotiations for an American visit, and that her present plan is a short tour next December, to include New York, Boston and Chicago. She will remain on this side but two months. Now look out for fresh installments of the stories of her varied and picturesque career, her dramatic abilities and moral disabilities, her dexterity with brush and chisel. No celebrity was ever better written up than Sara has been since she first made her appearance in London. Of course she has preserved copies of all the panegyrics, and of course they will be reproduced on this side from now until she reaches us.

Postoffice Changes

In Kansas during the week ending December 20th, 1877; furnished by Wm. Van-Vleck, of the Postoffice Department:

ESTABLISHED—Bardsville, Cowley county, E. A. Hauthorn postmaster.

DISCONTINUED—New Canton, Cowley county.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED—Alexander, Rush county, Robert Stephens, postmaster; Arthur, Ness county, Adam Ditman; Baltimore, Cowley county, Wm. H. Gillard; Carmi, Platt county, Mr. Frances E. Benton; Excelsior, Mitchell county, Robert Gaston; Matfield Green, Chase county, B. W. Boseck, Mulberry, Saline county, Waters Chilson; Murdock, Butler county, J. W. Tucker; Naomi, Mitchell county, Samuel Ernst; Nonchatel, Nemaha county, Charles Ami Bonjour; Oak Ridge, Elk county; Samuel J. Cox; Ward, Wilson county, Wm Sharpe.

In a Highly Exalted State of Mind.

[Graphic.]

Our esteemed contemporary, the Sun, is in a state of mind this morning—a highly exalted state of mind. "Many believe," it says, "that General Grant means to go further and establish an empire. We are among the number. We fully believe this." And, as a mathematical demonstration of the truth of this alarming belief, the Sun announces that General Grant, at the Continental Hotel, Peiladelphia, sleeps upon "the bedstead on which the Emperor Pedro reposed," and that while "tossing on this Imperial bedstead" General Grant discovered this new reading of a familiar text: "Uneasy lies the head which does not wear a crown." We remember nothing more conclusive than this since the trial of the famous case of Bardell vs. Pickwick, in which Sergeant Buzfuz convinced the jury of the guilt of the defendant by dwelling upon the occult meaning of his message to the plaintiff—"chops and tomato sauce—yours, Pickwick."

The Davis Boom Again.

[Post-Dispatch.]

In figuring the chances of the next year the Democrats generally concede the renomination of Gen. Grant. Fernando Wood, of New York, was approached the other day upon the subject of whom his party would nominate, and he was asked if it would be Seymour. He said no; that Seymour was too old and wouldn't have it anyway. Hendricks, Bayard and Hancock were each mentioned, but the Democratic leader of the House declared, with much assurance, that none of these would be selected as the standard-bearer of his party. "I tell you what it is," he said, "we have got to nominate a new man. We must find some one that the Republicans can't throw dirt at," and then he mentioned David Davis as one who might possibly answer the requirements of the hour. It is this, probably, more than anything else, that has given rise to the talking of holding the convention in Chicago, and if the Democratic National Convention should act upon this idea it would be considered in the light of a decided point in Davis' favor. The friends of Tilden favor New York and are opposed to Chicago in view of the significance that would attach to such a step.

A Distressing Mistake.

[Saratogian.]

A distressing case has occurred in the best circles of our most select society. It had come out that a certain lady, Mrs A., called on Mrs. B. one day last week. The ladies stand on a level socially, the husband of one having been a successful wagon-maker and the other a thrifty carpenter. Both are in comfortable circumstances now, and are nice sort of people. There was nothing wrong in one of these ladies calling on the other. It was a nice and proper thing to do. But the wretched part of the business does not lie there. Both ladies have been residents of Saratoga less than a year. Neither had called on the other before. In a thoughtless and ungarded hour Mrs. A. said to herself that she would call on Mrs. B., forgetting that Mrs. B. had resided in town just one week longer than herself, and that therefore a call was due first from Mrs. B. to her. But the mischief is done and the thing is all over town. No one regrets it more profoundly than we do. For if there is one thing more than another that we pride ourselves on here in Saratoga, when the mixed summer multitude is gone and the summer dining-room is boarded up and the extra bedding and dishes are all put away snug for the winter, it is our social etiquette.

In Honor of The Times Commissioner.

[WaKeeney World.]

Our citizens have long since earned a reputation for hospitality surpassed by no town west of the Harker Hills and equaled by few in the State. Our people all know of Capt. Hunter—Receiver of the United States Land Office, and know him to respect him. On last Friday evening the band boys thought they would give the Captain and his family a surprise and a little music. The boys had hardly struck upon a favorite air before the Captain appeared at the door, and in a neat and happy speech, bade them enter.

Maj. N. E. Stevens, that subquitous correspondent of THE LEAVENWORTH TIMES, being the guest of Mr. Hunter, was introduced to the party. Mrs Hunter and daughter were not long in putting things in shape to make the unexpected party comfortable; and while the band did some of their best blowing, Mrs. H. prepared a surprise for the "boys." In the meantime a violin was brought and placed in the hands of Mr. T. B. Evans, who is a real artist with that. By this time Mrs. Hunter had prepared a little speech that struck the company more forcibly than any speech of the evening. It was simply an invitation to step into the dining room, where oysters were waiting. Toasts were drank to the Captain and his family and to Maj. Stevens and THE LEAVENWORTH TIMES. After doing justice to the supper, they returned to the parlors, where Miss Hattie Hunter regaled the company with some choice selections on the piano. A fresh cigar all around, a unanimous vote of thanks to the Captain and his family and the company retired, feeling that the evening had been pleasantly and profitably spent."

JUST NOW IT HAPPENS D.

Mary Anderson Escapes from a Death so Terrible.

[Wheeling Register.]

About 7 o'clock last evening Miss Mary Anderson, with her step-father, Dr. Hamilton Griffin, and Miss Cresse, her leading lady, boarded a hack and started for their special car at Bridgeport. The ribbons were handled by the accomplished Jehu, Henry Shallcross, but for whom the willowy form of "our Mary" might now be lying beneath the darksome waters of the black river. Ugh! we shudder at the bare thought. But the carriage started and without incident arrived at the back river bridge.

This structure is as dark within as the shades of Erebus, says Henry, and when about half way across their vehicle came to a sudden stop. The bridge, as is known, has two drives, separated by the supporting stanchions, and in many places there are wide apertures opening to the water below. Close to one of these a wheel of the carriage went through a crevice and the vehicle leaned directly over the opening. He called to the occupants to not stir, and got down to view the situation.

But Miss Anderson grew impatient and opening the door stepped down. One foot was on the brink of the step, and another step would have eclipsed the bright, particular star of the theatrical horizon. She gave a scream that would have paralyzed "Evadne." The blood of her listeners was curdled with horror, but Henry sprang to the rescue, and seizing her in his arms lifted her from harm's way, exclaiming with "Claude Melnotte,"

"Look up and live."

The others were then assisted to alight on the safe side and the vehicle was taken from its dangerous situation. It was considerably damaged, but by careful driving the party was safely landed at Bridgeport. The thunders of Henry's wrath fell with merited force on that unlighted and dangerous bridge.

Modeling England After the United States.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Paris Temps, discussing John Bright's speech at the Potter banquet, says: "Bright's ideal is a state without an army, and the American Republic, with many of its soldiers reduced to police duties, is the example of it. He seems to entirely forget that the United States has no dangerous neighbors."

South Africa—Chili.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The capture of the stronghold of the Chieftain Secoceni has given the finishing stroke to the native disturbances in South Africa.

The Chilian minister at Paris telegraphs that the pretended recent victory of the Peruvian and Bolivian allies over the Chilians is officially denied. He says that "the entire province of Tarapoca is in our power."

The Irish Agitator.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Charles S. Parnell, in addressing a crowd at Queenstown yesterday, said he hoped one of the results of his visit to the United States would be to show that the hearts of the Americans would be all warmly towards Ireland. He said if Michael Davitt was put on trial, or if repressive measures were introduced in the House of Commons before the 1st of March next, when he intended to return, he would return immediately.

Relief.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Gent, a member of the Republican Union, has been elected a member of the Chamber of Deputies from Orange, department of Vaucluse, receiving 6,069 votes, against 4,093 for Humbert, Communist; and Maze, a moderate Republican, has been elected from Versailles, receiving 4,480 votes, against 1,264 for Balfeur, Radical. Goblet, member of the Republican Union in the Chamber of Deputies, will probably succeed Leroyer as Minister of Justice.

The net profits of the fete of the 18th, organized by the Paris journalists for the relief of the sufferers by floods in Spain, are about 300,000 francs.

Elections in England.

SHEFFIELD, Dec. 22.—The election for members of the House of Commons to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Right Hon. John Roerbuck, an ardent supporter of the foreign policy of Lord Beaconsfield, took place here to-day. Samuel Danks Waddy, member for Barnstable, who obtained the Chiltern hundreds in order to contest the seat for Sheffield, was the Liberal candidate, and Charles Stuart Worthley, barrister, a cousin of the Earl of Warncliffe, was the Conservative candidate. The polls closed at 4 o'clock.

This evening the public excitement has seldom been equalled. It is believed that 30,000 out of 39,000 electors on the register voted. The aged and infirm voters were carried from their beds to the polling place. There are large crowds of people in the streets, and it is evident that when it becomes dark a small provocation will create a disturbance. The respectable inhabitants desire the mayor to postpone the declaration of the result of the election until morning.

The total vote polled was 27,646. Waddy, Liberal, received 14,062 votes, and Wortsey, Conservative, 13,584.

Afghanistan.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Viceroy of India telegraphs to-day that General Bright reports the movement of reinforcements all along the line.

General Gough marched yesterday for Cabul.

Asmatulah Khan, chief of Tugmas, who led his tribe in desultory attacks upon General Gough's command, is reported wounded. His followers appear to be deserting him. Reinforcements have been sent to Dokko, in consequence of the report that Mohmonds are assembling in that vicinity.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from Candahar says the news from Cabul excites neither surprise nor apprehension. The men of the tribes, hitherto occupied in preparing their lands for the spring crops, are now free from labor for three months, and thus long the excitement may be expected to last. No attempt ought to be made before spring to do more than hold our position. General Stewart's command now holds the line from Dadur to Candahar. It consists of 9,000 effective men. The tribes along the line are quiet.

The St. Petersburg Gazette says: The Afghan revolt is due to the cruelty of the English visitors. It charges Gen. Roberts with gross cruelty towards the Afghans.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Viceroy of India telegraphs as follows:

"Dispatches from Gen. Roberts of the 16th, 17th and 18th inst., have just been received. The defenses of the Shiphur cantonments have been completed. The enemy occupies the heights over the city, but does not descend into the plains, which are patrolled by our cavalry.

"Gen. Roberts was waiting the arrival of Gen. Gough to make an attack, as he would then be strong enough to hold all the important positions; but he will attack the enemy before the arrival of Gen. Gough, if favorable opportunity offers

"Our loss on the 14th inst. was twenty-eight killed and ninety seven wounded, of whom eight have since died. The enemies' loss was very heavy. Osman Khan and other Afghan leaders were killed.

"On the 17th inst. the enemy appeared on Siahung, but they were quickly dislodged, without loss on our side.

"The enemies' numbers are diminishing.

"Nohomed Jan, the real Afghan leader, had been proclaimed by the Ex-Ameer, Yakoob Khan, as eldest son of the Ameer.

"Gen. Roberts writes on the 20th inst. that a considerable quantity of grain had reached Lutabond, showing that the road is open so far.

"On the 19th inst. the British lost nineteen wounded, and Major Cook, who obtained the Victoria Cross for gallant services, died of wounds received in a previous engagement.

"Two officers are ill from small-pox.

"Pneumonia is increasing, owing to the cold weather and exposure of the men. Otherwise the health of the troops is good The number of sick among the Europeans amounts to only four persons."

CABUL, Dec. 17.—To-day the enemy assembled at Siaksung ridge, lining it in thousands. The British shelled and dispersed them.

The engineers are making an inner line of defenses.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A Cabul correspondent reports that the British force has doubtless a religious war to face, but the fervor of the Afghans will subside as the reinforcements arrive.

In the operations on the Heights on the 4th inst., two mountain guns were lost.

SNOWED UP.

THE CITY OF NEW YORK IN WHITE.

The Street Cars and Omnibusses Working With Double Teams and the Streets Completely Filled With Slush—Hard Times.

New York Notes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The snow of last night and the rain of to-day has filled the streets ankle deep with slush. Pedestrianism in the open air is abominable work. The street cars and stages, all well filled with people, are dragged along by double teams.

In the six-day go-as-you-please match, in Madison Square Garden, the sixty-five starters continued the competition. At noon P. Panchot was leading, with a score of 76 miles; Murphy, the Haverstraw youth, who won the O'Leary belt, second, with 73 miles; Faber and Hart, 71 each; Merrill, who was second in the last Rowell contest, is sick, and has scored but 29 miles; Hughes, the "lesper," 69; and Campana, the "Old Sport," 56; Gorman, of Peoria, 48; O'Brien, of Kentucky, 60; A. Panchot, Minnesota, 66; H. Panchot, same State, 67; Russell, Chicago, 62; Sprague, Chicago, 60. Only five of the crowd have made less than 50 miles. Others, not yet known to fame, are well up in the fifties and sixties.

THE UTE COMMISSION.

The Work has Been Successful, with the Exception of Jack.

LOS PINOS AGENCY, Dec. 21, via Lake City, Col., Dec 22.—Ouray informs the Commission that the Indians have accepted his ultimatum.

Gen. Hatch is ready to leave with the prisoners, but is comselled to await the arrival of Sowerwick, who is his way from Grand river to accompany the chiefs to Washington as a representative of the White River Utes. Jack was also selected by Ouray to represent that tribe, but his heart fails him and he declines the trip, fearing arrest. The change in Jack is attributed by Ouray to be Mormon influence. Jack has decided to quit the reservation and join Sitting Bull. He informed Ouray that he was a man with a carbine and plenty of ammunition and he proposed fight.

Gen. Hatch will probably start on the 25th inst.

The Indian prisoners will be under a military guard, detailed from Fort Garland.

Kalloch's Bullet.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The bullet which entered Mayor Kalloch's chest last August, and has since his convalescence caused him considerable trouble, was yesterday extracted from his left armpit.

An Exceptional Case.

FORT SCOTT, Kan., Dec. 22.—The receiver of the defunct Merchants' National Bank of this place, has declared an additional dividend of thirty per cent., payable to creditors on and after the 1st of January next. The probabilities now are that the assets of the bank will pay nearly 100 cents on the dollar.

Cincinnati to be Electrically Lighted

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 22.—R. J. Edgar and John A. Russell, representing Edison, have been in the city several days, to arrange for the introduction of the new electric light. To-day they make a contract with John. Shillito and associates, to give them preference on the bidding for the management of the business of lightning. Cincinnati, Covington and Newport so soon as experiments show show the invention to be practicable.

From Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 22.—The report is that Mezallan has been captured by the Revolutionists and American filibusters. The report lacks confirmation.

The national revenues are increasing and the government being financially easy, Congress will leave the further discussion of the law authorizing the issue of twenty million dollars in paper currency until the next session. The bankers and merchants strongly oppose the contemplated issue of currency.

Atchison Heard From.

ATCHISON, Kas., Dec. 22.—Two of the extension lines of the Central Branch Union Pacific Railroad, now under the control of Jay Gould, have just been consolidated under the name of the Atchison, Colorado & Pacific Railroad, and at the meeting of the new directors, held at Beloit, Mitchell county, Kansas, on Dec. 19th, R. M. Pomeroy, of Boston, was elected president; Effingham H. Nichols, of New York, vice president; A. Y. Barnes, of New York, treasurer; and Thos. White, of Atchison, secretary. This road runs through some of the richest lands on this continent, which are being rapidly settled and put under cultivation. The main line will be rapidly pushed westward.

The Outrage in Maine.

GARDINER, Maine, Dec. 22.—About 200 citizens held an indignation meeting this evening. The resolutions denounce the action of the Governor and council and call upon the Representatives-elect to present themselves at the proper time to perform their duties, promising them full protection and safeguard, and warn all persons who were not elected to count the cost before attempting to constitute themselves Senators or Representatives.

AUGUSTA, ME., Dec 22.—It is ascertained that the Representatives elected to the Legislature from Lisbon and Webster in Androscoggin county, were counted out on the alleged ground that the returns of the election were signed by one selectman, acting for the three required by law. The selectmen have now made a affidavit that each separately subscribed their names to the Legislative returns, and one of the selectmen is a well-known Democrat.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—Dispatches from Maine report indignation meetings held at various places Saturday night to protest against the recent action of the Governor and Council. There were large and enthusiastic displays at Skowhegan and Hallowell. At the latter place resolutions were adopted calling upon the parties who were rejected at the polls, but counted in by the Governor, to refuse to occupy their seats in the Legislature, and concludes by saying that there must be no submission for one hour or one instant to the infamous count of the Governor and Council.

BANGER, ME., Dec. 22.—The Executive Committee appointed by the indignation meeting in this city Saturday evening issued an address urging all good citizens of every city, town and hamlet in the State to unite with them in taking measures for concerted action to prevent the consummation of the outrage perpetrated upon the rights and liberties of the people and the honor and fair name of the State of Maine. "Great evils," says the address, "demand prompt remedies and for this, the greatest wrong ever committed under a free government, we believe that among the people of Maibe there are clean hands to discover and a rong arms to apply the means to render it of no avail. For this purpose we ask your advice, assistance and co-operation, that the honesty, intelligence and patriotism of our people may become a living force to carry out their will."

Gov. Garcelon, of Maine, is one of those "respectable" Democrats the party is fond of prating about when it has an especially disgraceful piece of work to be done.

What sort of men, asks the Hartford (Conn.) Post, must they have in Maine who are willing to take seats in the Legislature to which they know others were elected?

The Lewiston (Me.) Journal believes that when Solon Chase says that the people of Maine, will not uphold the theft of a State Government by technicalities, he echoes the sentiment of thousands of Greenbackers.

Unlike most of its Democratic associates, the Utica Observer is not disposed to justify the counting-out in Maine. It says: "The work that has been done in Maine does not meet the approval of the Democratic party. Although the law may justify it, the spirit of equity and justice condemns it. But if it serves as a warning to the Republicans and teaches them that reprisals in politics are possible, its ultimate effect may not be unwholesome."

The Lewiston (Me.) Journal, ex-Gov. Dingley's paper, says: "It is not a simple question of party supremacy, but a question of submission to the popular will, which has to do with the preservation of free government. Unless this outrage on the right of suffrage and representation is condemned promptly and emphatically, it will go far to Mexicanize the United States, and introduce a principle which will surely eventually overturn government by the people."

The Democratic comments on the usurpation in Maine are like the protestations of the unfortunate young woman who thought she ought to be excused because the baby was "such a little one." The Democratic papers say in substance: "It is a mere bagatelle, you know. There is nothing to steal except the Legislature, and State officers, and what is the use of howling about a mere trifle like that. Garcelon wouldn't take risks to gain a Legislature, and therefore it must be all right." This, it is expected, will silence the people.

The Augusta (Me) Journal, which is supposed to reflect very closely the views of Senator Blaine, says: "Let the Republicans of the State of Maine stand shoulder to shoulder in resisting this great wrong It must be defeated, or our liberties are gone. We will be counted out next year if we submit this year. Besides, if it succeeds here, it will be tried elsewhere to determine the Presidential election. It is part of a conspiracy that includes the National Government, and we must resist it if we do not desire to see lawlessness and anarchy spreading far over our land."

The Portland (Me.) Press says: "The crime carries its own condemnation. The only question is as to the remedy. The people who have been defrauded will, we confidently believe, assert their rights and punish the wrong doers at the first opportunity which is legally afforded, and that, apparently, is at the ballot-box. Other means, which savor more or less of disturbance of public quiet, are suggested, and may be resorted to. But we trust not. There are wrongful acts which the laws, in general so comprehensive and equitable, do not reach; and the remedy is then with the people who made the laws, and for whose protection and benefit they are framed."

The Portland (Me.) Press says: "The result has been apprehended by all intelligent men in the State for weeks. It was foreshadowed in the declarations made by the Chairman of the Democratic State Committee immediately after the September election, and before the existence of informalities in the returns could have by any possibility been ascertained, and has been persistently apologized for by the Fusion press ever since it was suggested. It is the outcome of a conspiracy deliberately entered into by the fusion leaders to defeat the will of the people as to the choice of their Senators and Representatives."

The Bangor (Me.) Whig seems to think the scheme of the Democratic and Greenback conspirators is very far-reaching. It says: "With this monstrous fraud the conspirators propose to seize the State Government of Maine by electing a Fusionist Governor, Council and State officers, thus controlling the present counting out, to hold the State until 1885 under the biennial provision. In the meantime they propose to gerrymander the State by redistricting; to steal the Electoral votes in 1880; to count in five Fusion Congressmen next year, and to pack the Legislature of 1881 to make the arch-scoundrel Pillsbury United States Senator!"

It is well now to recall the unanswered letter of County Attorney Rounds to the Governor and council of Maine, in which he said: "I now offer, on behalf of the Republican Senators elect from Washington county, if your honorable board will open the subject for investigation, to prove that, in case of returns from Democratic towns for Senators and Representatives there have been changes made; that these changes were made to supply the defects discovered by the surreptitious and premature opening of the returns, and that they must involve in some form the collusion or connivance of persons connected with the State government. And in the facts which I think susceptible of proof will be found the basis of that boast so widely made by certain persons, that the returns from Democratic towns are all correct, and that errors and omissions are found only in the returns from Republican towns."

The Chicago *Inter Ocean* says: "In the face of such outrages as that perpetrated in Maine, the Republicans will be alert and watchful. They can, by the employment of simple and constitutional means, foil the most desperate schemers, and render comparatively harmless the most desperate intrigues. But to do this they must not allow themselves to be deceived as to the purposes of their opponents. Such outrages as that in Maine may depress and discourage the people for a time, but it is sure to arouse them to a full sense of the danger that lies in the possibility of a party controlled by such men coming into power. It is said that the plot to steal the State of Maine was hatched at Democratic headquarters in New York. This is probably true, and it shows the Democratic party in its real character. Severe condemnation of Garcelon and his tools is, in fact, condemnation of Democratic methods Hence Democratic papers defend, excuse or apologize for the usurpation in Maine. In doing this they assume the responsibility for the whole despicable business, and the people will not lose sight of the record they have made."

PERSONAL POINTS.

General Grant.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The week's series of fetes and demonstrations in honor of General Grant, of this city, was brought to a close to-night by a brilliant reception at the Union League House, which was elaborately decorated and illuminated for the occasion. General and Mrs Grant occupied chairs on a dais in the parlor of of the League House from half-past eight until ten o'clock, receiving in the meantime probably two thousand ladies and gentlemen.

Presidens Hayes and several members of his cabinet were expected, but did not come

General Phil. Sheridan stood near Mrs. Grant.

After the reception there was a bar quet and ball.

To-morrow General Grant will go to visit his mother in New Jersey, returning on Thursday.

America Aiding the Turks.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Standard's Constantinople dispatch says that the American Consul-General has instituted a clothing society in his house for the benefit of the suffrers from the distress now prevailing in Turkey.

IT IS WORTH A TRIAL.

"I was troubled for many years with kidney complaint, gravel, etc. My blood became so thin; I was full and inactive; could hardly crawl about, and was an old, worn-out man all over, and could get nothing to help me until I got Hop Bitters, and now I am a boy again. My blood and kidneys are all right, and I am as active as a man of 30, although I am 72, and I have no doubt it will do as well for others of my age. It is worth the trial."—Father.

A SWAMPED STEAMER.

HER VERY HARD TIME AT SEA.

The Borussia Goes Down, Carrying Her Captain and a Part of Her Crew and Passengers—A Few Escape to Tell the Tale.

Steamer Wrecked.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A portion of the ship's company of the abandoned steamer Borussia landed at Queenstown to-day. It consisted of the chief engineer, doctor, boatswain and seamen. They were picked up on the 5th inst. in an open boat. The Borussia had 180 passengers, of which number 105 embarked at Liverpool and 75 at Corunna. The crew numbered 54 men.

After leaving Corunna on the 24th of November, the Borussia experienced terrific weather, and sprang a leak on the 1st of December. The severity of the weather increasing, the vessel was abandoned on the 2d, about 350 miles southwest of Fayal. The captain and second officer remained with the sinking steamer. The crew and passengers left her in eleven boats. The surveyors have no hopes for the other boats Before they were separated one boat had capsized and all the occupants were drowned.

The survivors of the Borussia started immediately for Liverpool.

It appears that a panic occurred among the passengers and crew. The survivors state that no order to launch the boats and prepare for the abandonment of the vessel was given by the officers. The crew themselves launched the boat, without waiting for orders. About a dozen passengers got into the boats, with part of the crew. The remainder of the passengers went down in the vessel, with the captain, second mate, three engineers, eleven firemen, three stewards, the carpenter and two boys.

One boat swamped alongside the steamer and its occupants. Five more were drowned.

The survivors state that at 9 o'clock on the night of the abandonment of the vessel they saw a rocket ascend from the steamer and soon after her mast-head lights suddenly disappeared.

LATER ACCOUNTS.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—The survivors from the Borussia report that the captain and the majority of the crew remained on board the vessel. Only sixty persons left in the boats.

A Cork dispatch reports that one hundred and eighty-four persons were on board the Borussa.

The captain, on seeing that all efforts to save the vessel would be useless, ordered the boats to be ready. Some rafts were prepared and necessaries provided. The vessel was abandoned at night, there being ten or eleven feet of water in the engine room. Four or five boats were lowered about the same time, but owing to the darkness and a heavy sea soon lost sight of each other.

One of the survivors states that seventy-six passengers embarked at Liverpool.

The vessel reached Corruna, Nov. 23rd, all well. After having shipped some cargo and embarked about eighty Spanish emigrants the Borussia proceeded for Havana, on the 26th, the winds being light from the southeast, with a calm sea. On Nov. 30th the wind freshened and increased to a gale. The following day it suddenly chopped to north or the northwest, blowing strong, with a heavy cross-sea, in which she labored heavily. At noon she sprang a leak amidship. Efforts at the pumps were fruitless to keep the ship free. The water filled the engine room and stocks holes, putting out the fires and stopping the engine. The crew still continued to work at the pumps until the next day, the 2nd inst., when it was determined to abandon the vessel. When they shoved off the vessel was not more than two inches above water. It is supposed that she must have gone down with her living freight.

BUSINESS NOTES.

St. Louis Gas Suits.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—The lower house of the Municipal Assembly to-night passed a resolution instructing the Mayor and City Counselor to take an appeal or sue out a writ of error of the city against the St. Louis Gas Light Co, if such a course meets their approval.

Obeying the Court's Mandates.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 23.—The city council, in obedience to the mandamus of the United States Supreme Court, levied a special tax to satisfy the judgment of Morris Ranger, Charles Parsons and others, of about a quarter of a million dollars.

St. Joseph Will Have Waterworks.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo, Dec. 23.—The waterworks ordinance was submitted to the people to-day, and was ratified by a vote of 861 in favor of waterworks to only 19 against. The city council had already the ordinance a unanimous vote. The day has been very cold, and more people turned out than was expected. The waterworks are to be completed within twelve months.

The Stockyards Troubles Unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—There is no change in the condition of affairs at the stockyards. Several of the largest houses refuse utterly to concede any further points to the workmen. Several other are running very light, and only a few minor ones are slaughtering to their full capacity. A number of hogs have been shipped from here to Milwaukee, but by far the greater number are detained at the points of shipping until matters have assumed a definite shape here.

The Drovers' Journal, this afternoon, publishes a letter from the influential Catholic priest of the Nativity church, in which he advises the union to rescind their last order, that packers shall not hire other workmen than those who belong to the union. It is regarded as likely to accomplish its purpose, especially as the striking butchers are in a bad financial condition and the packers are good-natured over the depreciation in the price of hogs and the advance in provisions.

The Brooklyn Gas Monopolies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—There is a wrangle among the Brooklyn gas companies concerning the consolidation of the six old gas companies in one organization. Four of the companies have voted in favor of the consolidation and two against it. The Union Argus, commenting upon the situation, says: "The people of Brooklyn have no confidence in the promise of cheaper gas. Gas ought to be cheaper and can be made so. Keeping up the price has brought some of our companies into great straits. They claim that under the combination the expenses will be largely reduced, and the millenium which kerosene and Edison alike threaten will be brought about by this grand consolidated beceveolent enterprise. We take very little stock in these expectations and aspirations, and more comfort is to be found in the fact that the electric light is a perpetual threat to the gas companies, and that the product of petroleum is a resource and a substitute when the oppressive hand of the gas monopolist gives another turn to the screw."

The Stettauers.

[Chicago Inter-Ocean.]

The Stettauers, who broke up themselves and tried to help others to do the same not long ago, were in the County Court on Saturday. The hour was 9 o'clock, and yet there was a large number of persons in court at that time. There were about a dozen attorneys in court. There was a good deal of time wasted by the preliminaries. At last Charles Stettauer was swor