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CURRENT TOPICS.

The Empress of China is learning how to box.

The anti-saloon agitation has spread to Canada.

The population of Paris has decreased 115,000 in four years.

The heir to the throne of Holland is a weakly child not yet in its teens.

London correspondents all dwell upon the large number of Americans in that city.

Wilkie Collins, now in full health, has returned to London, there to pass a busy winter.

Robinson Crusoe has just had a monument erected to his memory at Largo, Scotland.

In a single province of Russia three thousand operatives are employed making accordions.

Edwin Booth has never seen any one play Hamlet since, as a mere boy, he saw his father.

Prince Alexander's court is simply a military household where ceremony is little thought of.

A party of school teachers left Chicago, a few days ago, on an excursion to the New Orleans Exposition.

There are 140 policeman in Central Park, New York, and more than half of them are on trial for various charges.

A telephone line has been run to the Vanderbilt vault for the convenience of the guards who are on watch there.

There are some $40,000 still wanting to put the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty Enlightening the World on its pedestal.

Since Pasteur's discovery of a cure for hydrophobia, the number of persons bitten by mad dogs seems to be increasing.

George Bancroft, the historian, is the only private citizen who has been given the right to the floor of Congress at all times.

A man of San Diego, Cal., has written a pamphlet to prove that the earth is in imminent danger of a second deluge in 1892.

M. Adolph Durcher, at present Vice President of the Swiss Confederation, has been elected President for the year 1886. He is a Radical.

The total number of varieties of grapes now raised in this country is not far from 200, and new ones are appearing every year.

Oliver Wendell Holmes has coined a fresh word, "gynephobia," to cover the case of men who have "a constitutional horror of women."

The Pope, who is an expert Latin versifier, has just presented Prince Bismarck with an elegant bound copy of his latest volume of poems.

Candidus, the Philadelphia tenor singer whom the Germans call Candidoos, has been hired to sing sixty-five weeks in New York at $1,000 a week.

Emperor William will on the 3d of January next, should he live, celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his accession to the throne of Prussia.

Count de Lugival, a French nobleman, aged twenty-six, has just been married to a widow of seventy-two. Her fortune is valued at 6,000,000 francs.

Mr. Vanderbilt was so rich that he could have given every man, woman and child in America a $5 Christmas present and have had $10,000,000 left.

The original "old Black Joe" is dead, at the venerable age of 136. But the song will be older than that before the last of it is heard at the minstrels.

There is a sort of clothes-pin arrangement coming from Paris that makes artificial dimples in the girl of the period's cheeks after one application.

Mrs. Grundy remarks in the *New York Mail and Express*, that many a hired girl has more credit among tradespeople and modistes than her mistress.

There are indications of a revival of the sugar-making craze at the North, and there are farmers who hope that they can manufacture their own "sweetening."

Chang, the Chinese giant, has lost $25,000 which he made with Barnum, investing in an Australian coal mine. He now heaves all his size when he thinks of it.

"It is absolutely impossible," said Lord Rosebery in a recent address in Scotland, "that in the future war could ever take place between the United States and England."

South Dakota pursues the Michigan plan of getting into the Union. But because the forcing process was once successful it isn't necessary to suppose that it will succeed in this case.

Hammered gold-top canes are taking the place of the silver tipped ones among Bean Brummells, but it is also well to bear in mind these deceptive days that "all is not gold that glitters."

The late Marshal Serrano, of Spain, during his political career saw eighty-four changes of ministry in that country, forty rebellions and twelve changes in the head of the State.

Ephemus Hindale was the first manufacturer of jewelry in the United States. He commenced business at Newark, N. J., about 1798. The business is now estimated at $40,000,000 annually.

In Philadelphia the Superintendent of the Electrical Department gives notice that over-head wires will be cut if not removed, in accordance with law, on or before January 1 next.

A portrait of Cleopatra, painted on stone, is offered for sale at the modest figure of $30,000. The painting dates from the time of Augustus, and was taken from the Villa of Hadrian.

Pasteur's treatment for the cure of hydrophobia is meeting with success, and the great scientist is receiving patients suffering from the dreadful malady from all sections of the civilized world.

After a lapse of many years it has transpired that the estate of Tinddeus Stevens remains unsettled. Every now and then some new claim turns up or some new relative appears for a slice.

Seth Kinman, the famous and venerable California hunter, has spent the past thirty years in manufacturing elbow chairs for successive Presidents, and is now preparing one for Grover Cleveland, but most of the incumbents have been sufficiently satisfied with the Presidential chair.

Annahoots, chief of the Sitka Indians, is having a cane carved to present to President Cleveland. The wood is of yellow cedar, a most durable and beautiful wood, peculiar to Alaska, and the designs to be carved upon it will be legendary imitations of the idols worshiped by the devout of his people.

A suit brought by Spiritualists against the town of Randolph, Vt., to obtain a share of the town's money for the support of the Gospel, has been decided in favor of the town by the Supreme Court.

The Japanese propose to establish a postal banking system to receive deposits in small amounts from students and pupils of the public schools. The idea is to encourage habits of thrift and economy in the young.

It is estimated that it will cost the Canadian Government $100,000 to reimburse the grocers and saloon-keepers who obtained their license under the Dominion liquor act, which the Privy Council has declared unconstitutional.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

A Sensation Created at Omaha, Neb.

Ex-Mayor Murphy and His Family Believed to Have Been Poisoned.

Omaha, Neb., December 27.—Patrick F. Murphy, aged forty, Ex-Mayor of Omaha, died to-night, after only a few days' illness, from a mysterious malady. Several members of the family were taken peculiarly sick about a week ago. Mrs. Murphy first showed signs of sickness. She had pains in her back and shoulders, and her throat became sore. She doctored herself, and became apparently well again. Two days later Mr. Murphy was affected with the same symptoms, though not serious at first, but Mrs. Murphy was again attacked, and two children soon experienced similar feelings. Then Mr. Murphy became worse. He rallied, however, and seemed on the way to recovery till this morning, when he was taken with violent cramps, which grew worse until this evening, when he died. The doctor in attendance declares the cause of death was ptomaine poisoning, the result of eating chicken which had been frozen and then allowed to become partially decomposed. Murphy had eaten only a small portion of the chicken, and another member of the family, who ate heartily, has not, as yet, been attacked. Mrs. Murphy also ate very sparingly of chicken, and several circumstances seem to indicate the intentional poisoning by some outside party, and several physicians declare that ptomaine poisoning could not have resulted under the conditions of the case.

MONTANA JUSTICE.

The Inmates of a Jail Taken Out, Whipped, and Warned Not to Return.

Butte, M. T., December 27.—For a long time Butte has been invested by a gang of cutthroats, whose robberies and other depredations have filled honest men with fear for both life and property. The patience of the people was exhausted this week by the arrest of a wretch named Nelson, who had been insulting little girls, and kindled the long-smothered indignation into a flame. As a consequence a vigilance committee of two hundred masked men took matters in hand, and last night overpowered the City Jailer, took the prisoners confined there up Missoula Gulch, and there turned them loose, with a stern warning that death awaited their return. It is difficult to ascertain just what punishment was awarded the jail birds on arriving at Missoula Gulch. It is, however, generally understood that the beast Nelson received forty stripes on the bare back, which were put on with a strong arm and a hearty good will. Another report states that he was hanged to Horse Canyon. The Sheriff has left for the scene. The affair has created great excitement in the city.

AFTER TWENTY-FOUR YEARS.

An Old Man Arrested in Missouri for a Murder Committed in Kentucky.

Sedalia, Mo., December 27.—James L. Sigmond, a brother of one of the most prominent citizens of this (Pettis) county, was brought to this city last night by a detective, and turned over to the Sheriff of Rock Castle County, Ky., to which place he will be taken to answer for a murder committed twenty-four years ago. The prisoner was arrested at his home in Trenton, Grundy County, where he has resided for four years. After committing the murder he joined the Confederate army, and at the close of the war came to this county, where he resided until his whereabouts was discovered by detectives, when he fled, going to Trenton. He is now an old man, and the father of quite a large family.

Terrible Lamp Explosion.

Pittsburgh, Pa., December 27.—Mrs. Barbara Meyers and her two-year-old child died to-day from injuries received last night by the explosion of a lamp which the little one, who was playing about the room, accidentally upset. Almost instantly there was an explosion, which scattered the burning fluid over the room, the flames enveloping the mother and child. In her fright, Mrs. Meyers jumped from a second-story window, and, besides being terribly burned, received injuries which resulted in her death this morning. The baby, who was burned almost to a crisp, died during the night and both were buried this afternoon.

Balked on a Railway.

Detroit, December 27.—A *Free Press* special from Lennox says: James Gregg, a well to do farmer, and his son this morning were driving to church and their horse balked while on the railroad track. Before they could get away an approaching passenger train struck the father, who was trying to lift the buggy off the track, and threw him over a culvert and through a fence, breaking a leg and otherwise injuring him so that he died before help arrived. His son was thrown from the buggy and had his hip dislocated.

New Comet Discovered by Prof. Brooks.

Rochester, N. Y., December 27.—Prof. Swift, of the Warner Observatory in this city, last evening received a telegram from Prof. Brooks, of Phelps, announcing the discovery of another comet. It is in the constellation of Aequila, which in the early evening is low in the southwest. The new comet is situated about six degrees south of Alpha, and is described as "bright" and having a slow easterly motion. Prof. Swift last evening found a star of the sixth magnitude.

Craig Tolliver's Wounds.

Morehead, Ky., December 27.—Craig Tolliver, who was shot through the lungs by Asbury Crist, will probably recover. Crist pretended to be one of Tolliver's best friends. Crist made his escape. Physicians left here this morning to attend him. The present attending physician reports Tolliver doing well, and no reason why he should not recover. He has been removed three miles to a cousin's home, where he will receive the usual kind attention. Everything is quiet here.

A Minister Insane Over the Faith Cure.

Columbus, O., December 27.—About a year ago Rev. John W. Waite, a Methodist minister of this city, was pronounced insane and sent to the Central Asylum. He was discharged as cured some six months ago, since which time he has visited in and about this city. A few days ago he had a second attack, and was arrested to-day, and will be recommitted to-morrow. He went insane on the faith cure. It is a very sad case.

Young Lady Kicked Fatally by a Horse.

Reading, Pa., December 27.—Miss Neida Heffley, an attractive young lady of Molltown, this county, daughter of James Heffley, a prominent farmer, was kicked on the head by a horse last evening, and sustained injuries which will prove fatal. Her skull was crushed by the blow.

Forestry in France.

Paris, December 27.—Senator J. Hampden Robb, of New York City, a member of the Niagara Park Commission, has arrived in Paris. The French Government has granted him every facility for the study of the practical operation of the laws affecting forestry in France.

Fatal Accident to Builders.

Reading, Pa., December 23.—This morning while Daniel and Jacob Himes, masons, and Frank Lessig, laborer, all of Pottstown, were driving to work, the wagon broke down and their horse ran away. Jacob Himes was thrown on the road and killed. Daniel Himes had his scalp torn off, exposing the skull, and suffered bodily injuries. He is in a critical condition. Lessig received slight injuries.

Big Haul by Burglars.

Sharon, Pa., December 26.—Burglars on Christmas eve blew open the safe in Rice's store at Jamestown, this county, and secured $2,000 booty. An unsuccessful attempt was made on the office of the American Express Company.

TERRIBLE FRIGHT.

Three Hundred Panic-Stricken People Hemmed in Around a Blazing Christmas-Tree—100 Badly Burned.

Chicago, December 25.—This afternoon about 4 o'clock all the patients in the County Hospital who were able to be moved, all the nurses and doctors, and a number of visitors were assembled in the clinical amphitheater of the hospital to witness Christmas exercises for the children. The room is very small, about thirty feet high, with a circle of seats reaching almost to the ceiling. In the center was an immense Christmas tree, laden with toys and gayly illuminated by tapers. About fifty children were grouped about the tree singing a Christmas carol to open the exercises. As Santa Claus entered the room the upper portion of the tree took fire, and in a moment the entire tree was ablaze. When the fire was at its height most of the children were marched out of the room by the lower door. The remaining people in the room, nearly three hundred in number, became panic stricken. The heat and flame cut off exit by the lower door. There was a rush for the upper door, the only remaining exit, and a few escaped through it, but the passage was soon blocked. Volumes of dense black smoke soon collected in the upper part of the room, where the mass of humanity was crowding and screaming, first from fright and then from agony, for the heat was terrible. A scene of indescribable terror ensued. The heat blistered the faces and hands of the victims, and one man's beard took fire. Great suffering was caused by inhaling the heated atmosphere. The fire burned until the Christmas tree was stripped. Order was finally restored. No one in the room escaped injury, about fifty persons were badly burned, among them two reporters. By six o'clock the doctors, themselves badly singed, had cared for the wounded, and the excitement has subsided. Cries of fire had gone through all the wards of the hospital, and for a time there was consternation among the helpless patients. A later survey of the situation shows that at least one hundred persons were injured, the greater part receiving bruises by being trampled by their panic stricken neighbors. A number of children patients had been brought into the chapel in their cots. Before they could be removed several suffered from the smoke and fright, and one or two were slightly burned. The excitement was intense, and but for the coolness of Warden McGarrigle and some attaches of the hospital lives would certainly have been lost. The persons most seriously injured were Miss Wilkinson, a nurse, who inhaled hot air and smoke; Mr. A. C. Bartlett, of the firm of Hibbard, Bartlett & Spencer, together with Miss Bartlett, Mrs. A. A. Carpenter and other lady visitors were slightly injured, so also were E. N. Max and E. A. McMillan, respectively, reporters of the *Tribune* and *Herald*.

TREED BY A HIPPOPOTAMUS.

Thrilling Experience of a Philadelphia Keeper With the Aquatic Monster.

Philadelphia, Pa., December 25.—Head-keeper Byrne, at the Zoological Garden, had a thrilling experience early yesterday morning with the peculiar traits sometimes evidenced by the large hippopotamus. The amphibian has a large double cage, and on one side his comforts are provided for in a large water-front. The habits of the large beast are such that he spends a good deal more of his time in the water than he does out of it, much to the disgust of the garden patrons. Keeper Byrne noticed this trait and was much annoyed at it. He had heard visitors remark that they did not believe there was a hippopotamus in the garden. So yesterday morning he just raised one of the iron bars in the hippopotamus cage, and, climbing in with a stick in hand, proceeded gallantly to investigate the reason why the animal staid under the water so much. He crossed a narrow plank bridge over the basin near the wall, and began prodding and splashing around with the stick in search for evidence of animal existence beneath. He had the pleasure of discovering it quicker than he expected, and the opportunity of looking for the first time in his life, down into the horrid depths of a hippopotamus' jaws. The big, clumsy beast became angered, his large head bobbed up from the surface of the water at a point where it effectually cut off Keeper Byrne's retreat. The keeper saw this dismay, and, what was worse, the large beast was slowly waddling over toward him with jaws wide open. There was only one avenue of escape left to the imprisoned keeper, a narrow eight-foot ladder on the wall on the side of the cage, and this he mounted. The hippopotamus did not drop the siege, however. He moved over toward the ladder and kept his mouth open for Mr. Byrne to look into. The keeper called lustily for help, which did not disturb the animal in the least. After calling furiously two hours the attendant of an under-keeper in the elephant house was attracted, and vigorous methods were made to coax the animal over towards the bars. Finally the hippopotamus was lured away from his victim with tempting morsels of food and the caged keeper made his escape.

A MORNING FIRE,

In Which Three Children Were Burned and Others Very Narrowly Escaped.

New York, December 25.—Fire started at an early this morning in a two-story frame dwelling in one Hundred and Forty-sixth street, near King's-Bridge road, which was owned by Daniel Dillon and occupied by Patrick Driscoll and his family. The occupants were asleep when the fire started. They were awakened by the smoke pouring into the rooms. The smoke was so thick through the rooms and halls that escape was made most difficult. Patrick Driscoll, however, found his way out and gave an alarm. When the firemen reached the scene the building was in flames. Soon after the entire structure was consumed. Mr. Driscoll, his wife Mary, and a son named Patrick, were severely burned while escaping. Three children, however, were burned to death. They were Celia, Julius and Mary, aged respectively seventeen, fourteen and seven years. Their charred remains were found soon after the fire was subdued.

George Washington's Fiddle.

Point Pleasant, W. Va., December 23.—At a recent concert given at Charleston, in Jefferson County, this State, a violin was used which at one time belonged to General George Washington. This venerable relic is now the property of Mr. Thomas B. Washington, who received it from Judge Bushrod Washington at Mt. Vernon. A card on the inside of the instrument shows that it was manufactured by Jacob Steiner, a celebrated German workman, in the year 1675. It is, therefore, over two hundred years old. The violin, in its original case, a quaint old box, was presented to the audience by Hon. W. L. Wilson, member of Congress from the Second District.

International Exposition of 1892.

Washington, December 27.—A bill will be introduced in Congress this winter to aid the International Exposition, which is to be held in Chicago in 1892 to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America. The exposition will probably be planned after the Centennial at Philadelphia, and legislation will likely be asked of Congress similar to that in aid of the Centennial.

Queen Christina to be Regent.

London, December 28.—A dispatch from Madrid to the *Morning Post* states that Queen Christina will take the oath of office as regent of Spain before the Cortes on Thursday next, the 31st inst.

Mourning Emblems to be Removed.

Washington, December 25.—The date of the official mourning for Vice President Hendricks (thirty days) expired to-day. To-morrow the black drapings on the public buildings will be removed. The cost of draping all the public buildings here is about $10,000.

A Car-Load of Jewelry Stolen.

Milton, Ont., December 23.—Early this morning burglars broke into the jewelry store of Ramsay & Co. and carried off a cart-load of jewelry, silverware, money, etc. The store was cleaned out. The stolen goods were worth thousands of dollars.

Texas thieves on railroad lands in Alabama are to be prosecuted.

A CITY IN FLAMES.

Disastrous Conflagration at Vincennes, Ind.—Terre Haute and Evansville Asked for Assistance.

Vincennes, Ind., December 23.—A destructive fire broke out at 11 o'clock last night in McJimsey's livery stable, on Third street, opposite the Grand Hotel. A strong northwest wind was blowing, and in less than five minutes the immense structure was a mass of seething flames. For a time a perfect panic ensued, and people were wild with excitement. The Fire Department worked bravely and strove to get the fire under control, but it seemed at length to be of no use, as the flames rolled across the street to the Grand Hotel, Gardner & Sons' large undertaking and furniture establishment" was soon in a blaze, and at this writing both establishments are in flames, and not an iota of prospect to save them. The fire at 12 o'clock is sweeping down on Second street, and the wind and flames are playing frightful havoc. There is the strongest kind of a possibility of this being the worst fire in Vincennes' history. McJimsey is insured for $4,000. He lost thirty-five to forty head of horses and about one hundred buggies. Heavy loss; probably $8,000. The Grand Hotel was vacated two months ago, and had no occupants and no furniture. Loss on building $25,000 to $35,000; partially insured. Gardner's undertaking establishment was full of goods of all kinds. Total loss about $15,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

At 12:25 a. m. Mayor Wilhelm has telegraphed Terre Haute and Evansville for assistance, and aid will reach us in an hour. Vincennes is now in great distress, and her people are wild with fear and excitement. The Fire Department here is about exhausted. Two engines have been playing on the flames for two hours, but the flames increase. At two o'clock this morning the fire is still raging, the Grand Hotel is a total ruin. The loss on the whole is estimated at $30,000 to $40,000. It is strongly hoped that the fire is checked and under control.

A MINE DISASTER.

Fifty or More Miners Killed and Scores Wounded.

London, December 23.—A dispatch from Ponty Pridd, Wales, reports that a terrible colliery explosion has occurred at the Ferndale Pit, near there, and that four hundred miners are entombed. A later dispatch says that twelve dead bodies have been taken out, and thirty miners have been rescued, more or less injured. The remainder of those who were in the mine at the time of the explosion are believed to be safe. The explosion occurred in the upper of the two seams. There were 750 men in the mine at the time of the explosion. The many who were in the lower seam, otherwise the first lift, and who have escaped with least fifty, men were killed in the lower seam, and scores were terribly burned. The injured were carried to places of safety by their more fortunate companions who had not been hurt. The latest dispatches from Ferndale put say that 320 men have been rescued, seven of whom are mortally burned that they may die.

TRICHINOSIS.

A Cleveland Family Seriously Affected by Eating Raw Ham.

Cleveland, O., December 24.—Family of George N. Korell, of the firm of Woltman & Korell, carriage makers, have for the past ten days been considerable raw ham. Several of the father and two children became a peculiar sickness. On last Mr. Korell's condition is serious, but the raw meat was not associated by him with his illness the same day Mrs. Korell served ham for lunch. This morning he came ill, and a physician was called. He at once suspected what ailed them, and inquired what they had been eating. They brought him the ham, which was submitted to microscopical examination. The slides placed on the glass contained more of trichina spiralis. The physicians attending these cases are treating trichinosis, diarrhea, headache, and sharp pains in the muscles of the body. The disease had made such progress the physician was summoned that the termination is gravely apprehended.

THE DEAD MINER.

A Shaft to be Sunk Over Their Whereabouts in the Blocked Shaft.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., December 23.—After further discussion and consultation with engineers at Nanticoke to-day the company finally decided to sink a new shaft from the surface at a point directly above where the bodies of the buried miners are supposed to be. This shaft will be about 155 feet deep and will take from four to six weeks to sink, even with the most rapid work. The excavating of the blockaded gangway from the foot of the slope is being steadily carried on day and night, but it is a very slow process and months will elapse before the mine is cleared. Prayers were offered this morning in every church throughout the Wyoming Valley for the unfortunate men.

TERRIBLE DOUBLE FATALITY.

One Man Chopped to Pieces by Machinery and Another Falls Dead at the Fearful Spectacle.

New York, December 23.—Joseph Walsh went into the Brooklyn sugar refinery yesterday afternoon, and while looking at some machinery fell backward into one of the circular cutting mills and was chopped to pieces. The machinery was stopped and the remains of the unfortunate man were gathered up and removed by a friend named Frederick Bird. He carried the remains out to the dock and then went back to the sugar house. He was very white, and great drops of perspiration rolled down his face. He could hardly walk, and upon reaching his work sank into a chair. The sight had overcome him. After a short time Bird rose to his feet, but reeled and fell dead of heart disease, occasioned by the excitement.

The Armistice Ratified.

Vienna, December 23.—A dispatch from Belgrade announces that King Milan has ratified the armistice proposed by the commission, and has ordered the evacuation of the Pirot district to be commenced at once. It is understood from reliable sources that much dissension exists at the Servian headquarters, the King standing almost alone in his determination to preserve peace. His officers consider the terms of the armistice a national disgrace. The Emperor has congratulated the commission upon the success of their labors. A dispatch from Semlin states that fifty deserters have been executed at Nissa. Even these severe measures do not deter the dissatisfied Servian soldiers from leaving their colors. Large numbers take advantage of every opportunity to escape over the Bulgarian and Austrian frontiers.

Wolves Among Illinois Sheep.

Hillsboro, Ill., December 23.—Wolves in large numbers are playing havoc among the sheep. One farmer lost twenty-five out of a flock of sixty one night this week. The woods seem to be full of wolves, and the farmers are making vigorous efforts to exterminate them.

An Indiana Farmer Drops Dead.

Indianapolis, Ind., December 27.—Samuel Arnold, a farmer residing six miles from this city, dropped dead this evening, presumably from heart disease. He was sixty-five years of age.

Made Insane by Reading the Bible.

Decatur, Ill., December 23.—Mrs. Stephen Maiden, of Long Creek Township, aged thirty, the mother of two small children, suddenly became dangerously insane, displaying her violence by trying to kill both her children. Struck them by the limbs and dashed across the room, injuring one badly. Her husband had a desperate struggle with the woman, not subduing her until he had torn his clothing badly. The woman was apparently well a week ago, when she began reading the Bible. She read Jeremiah principally, and claims that she and her family were lost. She is now in the County Jail.

A T. Hocck, of Baltimore, has been in invisibly insane.

A HORRID DEATH.

Chained to a Tree and Slowly Roasted.

Alabama Negro's Punishment for a Brutal Murder.

Mobile, Ala., December 28.—Friday night, at Gainestown, Clark County, Ala., a young lady, Carrie Boyer, aged seventeen, was waylaid while on her way home from a neighbor's. She was found dying with a bullet hole in the back of her neck and with her skull crushed in. A broken gun stock with blood upon it was found lying in the road. The gun stock was recognized as belonging to Alex. Reid, a negro living near at hand. Reid fled when the avengers came for him. The barrel of the broken gun was found in his house. It had blood and hair upon it. The people of Clark and adjoining counties took up the chase, organized a hunt for the murderer. Two negroes captured him Thursday at the county line. The march to Gainestown was participated in by hundreds of men. At several places along the route the inhabitants turned out and demanded a lynching, but the guard passed on in silence until the spot was reached where the crime was committed. At two o'clock yesterday Reid was chained to a tree. He confessed that he had done the deed, but said that his gun went off accidentally, and that he was forced by circumstances to complete the murder. The men then built a pen of light-wood around the criminal. The negro shouted for mercy, but the flame was quickly applied. After burning awhile, the miners were scattered and a new pen built in the negro's prison, suffering intense agony. This process was repeated three times before death came to his relief. This is the second instance of the kind in the same place. About seven years ago a negro preacher, who murdered an old lady and a little boy, and outraged a little girl, was in a similar manner tied to the stake and roasted to death.

CUT HER INFANT'S THROAT.

A Mother Reports That a Cat Killed Her Child, but the Evidence Points to Herself.

Philadelphia, December 28.—A huge cat tore the throat of a ten-month's old child of Mrs. Annie Gaskins, of No. 142 West York street, in the middle of the night. When Mrs. Gaskins arose this morning her child was dead in its bed, in her own. The animal was allowed the room to catch mice. During the night it jumped across the floor from the bed and Mrs. Gaskins arose and opened the door to let them out, but did not think that it had attacked the child. Mrs. Gaskins, the mother, has been arrested on the charge of murdering the child. It is not that no blood was found upon the premises; that the floor of an outhouse was stained, but a bloody knife was secreted in the outhouse, and that blood in the child's throat seems to be rather than to have been produced by the sharp of claws, are held by the police to be clearly to the fact that the child was murdered. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

Treaty With Venezuela.

London, December 28.—A treaty has been concluded with Venezuela of interest to a large number of claimants, Indiana and other parts of the world. The President gave notice of its completion in his message. It was at the State Department on the same day Mr. Pendleton died, and had before just before adjourned for the year for a new mixed commission of members to meet in Washington, number is to be named by each Government, and these are to choose a third. If they do not agree, the Russian or Prussian Minister at Washington upon the request of the Minister of Venezuela at the State Department, is to name the third. The commission is to consider evidence before the former commission, and to take such additional evidence as the various parties in interest may present. All moneys now in the State Department and all that may be paid under the awards are to be distributed as the Commissioner may direct.

Bounty to Soldiers.

Washington, December 28.—The decision of the Second Comptroller relative to the payment of bounty to soldiers discharged for promotion, as published, has been misunderstood, and many letters based upon a misconception of the scope of the decision are being received at the Treasury Department. The acting Second Comptroller decided that the word "discharged" has the same meaning and should receive the same interpretation in the act as in the general orders, and that a soldier who was discharged for promotion was "honorably discharged" within the meaning of General Order 15, and that Rule 2 of the rules and regulations adopted by the accounting officers under the act of April 23, 1872, be rescinded.

Fatal Elevator Accident.

Elmira, N. Y., December 28.—Peter B. Howell, Supervising Architect at the Reformatory, was killed this afternoon while riding on the freight elevator. He had reached the top floor, and attempted to step off before the elevator stopped, when he was caught between the floor and the carriage. His body was cut almost in two and dropped forty feet. Mr. Howell was widely known as an architect and builder.

Tobacco Growers Ask Protection.

Elmira, N. Y., December 28.—The importation of Sumatra tobacco has proved so injurious to the tobacco interests of this vicinity that an organization for purposes of protection is being undertaken. A representative of growers in the Chemung, Canasteo and Tioga Valleys will be sent to Washington to urge Congress to increase the duty on the Sumatra leaf.

Another Patient for Pasteur.

Lowell, Mass., December 28.—Charles Jacobs, of Groton, Mass., has sailed for Paris to receive treatment from M. Pasteur. His arm was lacerated a short time ago by the teeth of a horse, to which he was administering medicine. The horse had been bitten by a dog that showed signs of hydrophobia.

Woman Fatally Burned.

Shamokin, Pa., December 28.—Last night two large houses were destroyed by fire, caused by an explosion of a kerosene lamp in the hands of Mrs. John Bernaski, a tenant, who was fatally burned. A number of boarders jumped from the second-story window; one had an arm broken and was badly burned.

—A farmer of Washington Territory loaned his dog to a man on Snake River to whom he had sold a flock of sheep to drive home, a distance of thirty miles. The drover found the dog so useful that, instead of sending him home, he locked him up. The dog escaped, and, concluding the drover had no more right to keep the sheep than to lock him up, he collected all that had belonged to his master and drove them home again.—*Chicago Times.*

—From 1874 to 1878 the consumption of wine in England was 92,636,329 gallons, while from 1879 to 1883 it was 80,120,994. This decline of over twelve and a half millions represents a saving of over $30,000,000 in expenditure. A careful estimate has it that the entire "drink bill" of England for 1876 was £127,000,000, while that of 1881 was £7,000,000, a decline of £20,000,000, or $100,000,000.

African travelers agree that elephant steaks are very tough. It took a traveler half an hour to eat a square inch of elephant meat.

Absolute stagnation does not exist anywhere in the ocean, not even at the greatest depths.—*N. Y. Herald.*

THE COMMONWEALTH.

Louisville Leaf Tobacco Market.

There has been considerable interest attracted to the market for dark and heavy styles by the contest between a New York combination and the buyer for the Spanish contractor for the purchase of dark and heavy lugs and common to low medium leaf. The competition has been brisk at times, with alternating lulls, but no reaction has occurred from the advance, which places those grades $1@1.75 higher than the prices of December 1. As the details of the matter are understood, the Spanish contractor is said to be behind about 7,000 hogsheads in the supply for his January tender, and the New York combination control about that quantity, which represents practically the entire visible supply. They are, therefore, willing to accommodate the contractor by transferring him this stock, but if he refuses to see the point they want to make him pay big prices for what he may buy anywhere. It is obviously his privilege this year to deliver new tobacco of a requisite grade.

We quote as follows for 1885 tobaccos of fair to good body and substance. Thin, green, and unripe tobacco sells lower.

	Inspected Hogs.	Burlies.
Common lugs	3 25@ 4 00	4 00@ 4 50
Medium lugs	4 25@ 4 50	4 75@ 5 25
Good lugs	4 50@ 5 00	5 25@ 6 00
Common leaf	4 75@ 5 25	6 00@ 7 00
Medium leaf	5 50@ 6 50	7 00@ 8 50
Good leaf	6 25@ 7 25	9 00@11 00
Long leaf, for Af'ns	7 50@ 8 50	

Miscellaneous Items.

The Louisville tobacco market was much excited a few days ago over what appears to be an attempt at a corner in a grade of tobacco known as "lugs."

George Peel, who killed John Daugherty in an election fight at Nicholasville, was taken out on a writ of habeas corpus, the other day, and given a hearing, which lasted two days, resulting in the defendant being granted bail in the sum of $1,500, which he gave.

At Hopkinsville, W. T. Walker, a photographer, was fatally injured while resisting arrest for grand larceny. At the same place Wm. Caldwell struck Green Stevens through the neck with a pickaxe, killing him.

The safe of Judge Jewell, of Lexington, was robbed of its cash contents. Tracks in the mud at the back door of the office corresponded with the boots of Clyde Charles, a young man of Toledo, O., and he was arrested for burglary.

The Kentucky and Indiana bridge at Louisville will be finished by April 1.

At Rockfield, J. C. France, a few days ago, had a leg broken by a kick from a horse. On Christmas day, while carelessly examining a pistol, he was shot and killed.

A little son of Mr. Jack Meader, of Franklin, aged nine months, turned a kettle of boiling water over on himself, which caused his death.

Michael Grove died at his home in the eastern part of Simpson County, the other morning. He was one of the oldest men in the county, being over ninety years of age.

Capt. J. K. Bishop, of Danville, shipped as a Christmas present to Col. W. LaRue Thomas, one of the Commissioners of the asylum at Lexington, six magnificent swans. The variety to which the birds belong is not positively known, although naturalists have expressed the opinion that they should be classed as *Cygnus Americanus*. They will probably be set afloat on the lake or pond connected with the asylum grounds.

Suit for $25,000 damages has been entered against the Kentucky Central Railroad by Laurena Watts. The plaintiff is the wife of Frank Watts, the engineer who was killed in the accident near Lexington on the 15th of September last, and it is for his death that the damages are claimed.

George Dixon, of Simpson County, attempted to commit suicide the other morning. He went up in his stable loft, tied one end of a bridle rein to an upper joist and the other end around his neck. Just as he swung off his son came on the scene and succeeded in untying the hangman's knot before any serious damage was done. He was not strong enough to hold his father up, however, and the latter fell to the floor of the loft, rolled through a hole, and landed on the first floor of the building, a distance of about eight feet. He was terribly bruised, but his injuries will not necessarily result seriously.

A few days ago a distressing accident occurred at Spring Hill, Hickman County. Mrs. Press Berry's clothing caught fire while she was taking ashes from the hearthstone. In her pain she ran wildly into the yard, where, fanned by the winds, her clothing was burned entirely off and her body frightfully burned. No one was about the place at the time, and a neighbor passing accidentally saw her and went to her relief, but only a few moments before insensibility came. She died in a very short time. She was accounted a most excellent lady.

Jonathan Woods and son Albert, farmers and stock buyers, near Eminence, assigned to William Atchison, of Smithfield. Cause, general depression of business and low prices being realized on stock. They will pay dollar for dollar. Assets, about $5,000.

Winfrank Judah, Louisville, old and wealthy, fell dead just after a hearty Christmas dinner.

Philip Ewald and son, Philip, fought with gun and knife, Louisville. The father carries four bullets and the son several gashes. Father was drunk, and the boy was protecting his mother and sister.

At Louisville, Christmas, Charley Johnson, colored tough, murdered his wife, Mattie, and cut his own throat, probably fatally. Jealousy.

Patrick McCormick, peddler, deliberately walked into the river at Louisville, and was drowned. Drunk.

City Judge Roddie, while crossing the railroad track at the depot at Franklin, the other night, was knocked down by a moving locomotive, and considerably bruised, but not seriously hurt.

John D. Scott, an aged and well-known citizen, died of flux at his residence near Wilmore, Jessamine County, the other afternoon. At the time of his death he was Constable in that precinct.

Charles Jenkins was fined $500 for gambling at Louisville.

Jas. Williams, colored, was arrested at Louisville, on suspicion of being a thief, and on his person were found pawn tickets representing about $500 worth of property.

Mr. Chas. H. Clarke, a veteran journalist of Louisville, died in that city a few days ago, in the seventieth year of his age, after a lingering illness.

The Norton Bros., bankers, of Louisville, who are worth about $1,000,000 each, will retire from business on the 1st of January.

The residence of James Lemon, Georgetown, was burned the other morning. The family was awakened just in time to make their escape, by citizens passing.

W. H. Bowling, who last spring shot and killed a young man named Gill, who was assisting the Sheriff to arrest Bowling, was sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary a few days ago at Mt. Sterling. A day or two before the killing Bowling, who is a desperate character, had enticed a farmer's daughter away from home, and so great was the indignation that he barely escaped the wrath of a mob.

A PRESIDENTIAL "BOOM."

How It Will Be Met by Brotherly and Helpful Republicans.

As we have before suggested, General Logan's declination of the Presidency *pro tempore* of the Senate is an important part of the shrewd little game which he proposes to play "for all it is worth" from now until the meeting of the next National Republican Convention. Logan has his eye upon the Presidential nomination, and if he does not get his grip upon it the fault will not be his. Such being his purpose, it is easy to understand why he prefers to remain on the Senatorial floor rather than be transferred to the chair. In the latter place he would be virtually shelved; in the former, he will at all times be as ready as he is willing to attend to Logan's business. There will, of course, be opportunities during the session for him to "boom" himself, and it is quite needless to say that not one of these is likely to be neglected. Two things, however, will receive his special attention: the soldier vote and the bloody shirt. He will be the self-appointed champion of all those who have worn the blue, providing they are not Democrats; and as for the rights and wrongs of the oppressed colored Republicans of the South, neither decency nor the dictionary will prevent him from doing full justice to his favorite theme.

Logan's little game will not be interfered with in the least by Democrats; on the contrary, they may give him valuable aid and comfort, for good and sufficient reasons. The only real opposition to him will come from Republicans. There are several aspirants to the Presidential prize in the Republican camp, who will be more than glad to insert a spider in the Logan dumpling, and outside of these is a numerous class who are heartily tired of his political tactics, and ready and anxious to sit down upon him. If we may trust the wrathful statements of leading Republican organs, Logan and his bloody shirt gave New York to the Democracy at the recent election; while Lee undoubtedly rode into the Governorship of Virginia over the political corpse of Mahone, on "the treason-stained saddle" of Logan's invention. With such unfragrant feathers in his c