## BY LAND AND SEA.

**Death on the Rail—Collistons and Other Accidents—Damage to Shipping.**

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Feb. 14.—A freight train left the track near Sumner yesterday. The fireman, A. W. Sproule, was killed and two other persons were bruised. Two engines and six cars were wrecked and a lot of cattle were killed. A water spout, which threw up earth on the track, caused the accident.

AURORA, ILL., Feb. 14.—In the heavy fog this morning two freight trains on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway collided on a curve between Plano and Sandwick. Both engines and fifteen or twenty cars were wrecked. An engineer, named William Rogers, is probably dead beneath the wreck. There are no particulars yet regarding others. The operator at Sandwick is said to be responsible for the accident.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 14.—This evening a collision occurred on the Cincinnatic Northern railway, a few miles from the city, between Avondale junction and Idlewild, in which John Roberts (colored) was instantly killed; Isaac M. Knight, Russell H. Manning, and Daniel Anderson were seriously, but not fatally injured. The latter is a well known merchant. One of the trains colliding was of the Cincinnati Eastern railway. The track of the Cincinnati Eastern joins that of the Cincinnati Northern at Avondale junction, and the fault is plainly with the Cincinnati Eastern, as their train was wild, and had been ordered to stop at Avondale junction, but proceeding against orders, the collision occurred.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Two fishing smacks have been lost at Yarmouth, and their crews, numbering fourteen persons, were drowned.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Feb. 14.—Fears are entertained for the safety of the schooner Willie and Joyce, now twenty-seven days out from Fortune bay for Gloucester. Vessels which left Newfoundland in her company arrived here a fortnight ago. She had a crew of seven men, part of whom belonged in Gloucester.

The British steamer Rheola, from Cardiff for New York, before reported returning, is leaking. Her crew refused to do duty. Her bulwarks and stanchings have been damaged.

The German ship Frederick, from Breman for New Orleans, has taken refuge at Plymouth. She has lost sails.

The British steamer Nestorian, at Greenock, from Portland, lost fifty-six head of cattle on the passage. Many of the crew were frost bitten.

The tug which had been sent in search of the British steamer Quebec, Capt. Gibson, from Portland, Jan. 1, for Liverpool, previously reported passed disabled, has returned to Queenstown. The tug failed to find the missing steamer, and await further orders. She reports fearful weather outside.

## FINANCIAL FAILURES.

**A Number of Firms Go Under—Workmen Thrown Out of Employment.**

PITTSFIELD, MASS., Feb. 14.—Wm. H. May, a paper manufacturer in East Lee, has failed, owing about $20,000, principally to New York parties. A voluntary petition in insolvency was filed.

READING, PA., Feb. 14.—Owing to extreme dullness in trade in one of the Reading hardware company's foundries, employing 150 hands, closed to-day until April. One hundred and fifty of the 750 hands employed at the Philadelphia and Reading railway car shops have also been indefinitely suspended; and Willson's spectable factory and the Penn Hardware company, employing together over 250 hands, have closed for the week.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 14.—The failure last week at Moundsville, W. Va., of the Kloman Iron and Steel company has embarrassed the firm of Andrew Kloman & Bro., operating the Superior Rail mill at Allegheny City. The mill is running, but a meeting of the creditors is called for Friday, the sixteenth instant. The statement of assets and liabilities have not been made public.

**Virginia's Old Bourbons to be Reorganized.**

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 14.—The state democratic bourbon committee has been in session here since noon to-day, considering the question of holding a convention of the conservative-bourbon democracy of Virginia with the view of organizing the party. The committee sat with closed doors until 6:20 p. m., during which time the subject was fully and carefully discussed. The result of the deliberation was the adoption of a resolution, that a general convention be held in Lynchburg on the twenty-fifth of July next, to take such action as may be deemed conducive to the future harmony of the bourbon party, and that all conservative and bourbon democrats opposed to radicalism and bossism are equally entitled to participate in the election of delegates to said convention. The basis of representation was fixed at one delegate and one alternate for every two hundred votes and a fraction thereof above one hundred cast for the Hancock and English electoral ticket in the last presidential election.

**The Trial of George Amiss.**

STAUNTON, VA., Feb. 14.—The trial of George Amiss for the murder of John Burner commenced here to-day. Lelia Lester, keeper of the house where the tragedy occurred, testified that Amiss kicked open the door of a room where Burner and Fannie Lewis were a scuffle ensued and a pistol was fired. Fannie Lewis ran between the contestants, and Amiss pushed her away. Burner came out of the room, said he was shot, and witness helped him to the hotel. At the close of the examination of the witness a scene occurred. Owing to a remark made by the prosecuting attorney Mr. White, senior counsel for the defense, declared that he would quit the case, grasped his hat, and in great excitement left the court room. The case was adjourned until to-morrow, when it is thought Mr. White will reappear.

**The Georgia Races.**

AUGUSTA, GA., Feb. 14.—The second day's races of the Augusta Jockey club attracted a very good attendance. The weather was fine. The first race, a mile dash, was won by W. P. Burely; Lady Dean, second. Time, 1.48. In the second race, mile heats, best two in three, the first was a dead heat between Constantina and Vingt-Un. Time, 1.18½. The second heat was won by Palmetto. Time, 1.19½. The third heat was won by Constantina. Time, 1.25. The fourth was a dead heat between Constantina and Palmetto. Time, 1.21. The money was divided.

The third race, 1½ miles, was won by Helen Wallace; Faircount, second. Time, 2.17¾.

**Gov. Ben. Butler's Appointments.**

BOSTON, Feb. 14.—At a meeting of the executive council this afternoon Gov. Butler sent in the name of N. A. Plimpton, of Worcester, to succeed Mr. Clark as insurance commissioner. He was manager of Gov. Butler's campaign last fall. At the same session the governor submitted the name of Col. Roland G. Usher, of Lynn, for the wardenship of the state prison, instead of Earle, removed. The nomination was confirmed under a suspension of rules. Col. Usher was principal manager of Gov. Butler's campaign in 1879, and has since been connected with the governor in private enterprises.

**Cutting Rates Again.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Competing roads allege that the Michigan Central is cutting the rate on flour from Minneapolis and other northwestern points to the seaboard, and threaten to retaliate.

A meeting of the executive committee of the board of trade and representatives of east bound freight lines was held here to-day with a view of patching up a peace. Each expressed a readiness to make slight concession, but the aggregate concessions were not sufficient for them to reach an agreement.

**South Carolina Counterfeiters.**

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 14.—Saturday Randolph Gilmore, a mulatto, was arrested here charged with counterfeiting silver coins and twenty dollar gold pieces, and was committed for trial in default of bail. His confession implicates two white boys, aged 15 and 18, named William and Semmes Gilmore, of Neal's Shoals, Union county. The boys were arrested and brought here to-night and gave bonds for $2,500 each to appear at a hearing Tuesday next. Randolph Gilmore, who is a boat hand engaged in poling cotton boats, says the business of counterfeiting the coin mentioned and five-cent nickels has been conducted for two years or more. No dies or spurious coin were found in the possession of the boys brought from Union county to-day. The material for making the "queer" is said to have been supplied by parties in New York, Baltimore, and Philadelphia.

## ASHES AND RUINS.

**Two Newspaper Offices Destroyed by Fire—Other Structures Ruined—The Losses.**

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 14.—Early this morning a fire broke out in the Weber block, a brick building of four stories, next to the postoffice. The fire originated in the top floor, which was occupied by Hentz Bros., jewelers, whose machinery and stock, valued at $10,000, was destroyed; insurance, $5,000. The *Sunday Times* and other tenants, including a drug store and a restaurant, were partially burnt or damaged by water. The total damage will amount to $23,000, and is mostly covered by insurance. Incendiarism is suspected.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Feb. 14.—A fire broke out this morning at 7 o'clock in the bookbinding establishment of Robert Henderson, in the upper story of the Ogdensburg *Journal* and *Republican* building. The flames were confined to the bindery, but the *Journal* office below was thoroughly soaked with water, nececessitating the printing of the *Journal* in the *Weekly Advance* office.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—A fire occurred today in the laundry over the Union League club. Half a dozen girls working there escaped to the street in safety. The damage was small.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Feb. 14.—The stock in J. G. Pettee & Co.'s straw hat and bonnet manufactory was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is not stated, but is believed to be large.

STAMFORD, CONN., Feb. 14.—Collender's seven-story billiard factory was burned to the ground to-night. The total loss is estimated at $225,000. The fire is still raging, and other buildings in the immediate vicinity are in danger. One hundred and twenty-five men were employed in the factory. The fire originated in the varnish room, by spontaneous combustion, at 11:45 p. m.

**Escaped from Madagascar.**

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Mr. Hulett, the American who narrowly escaped the massacre at Madagascar, has arrived at London, and will proceed forthwith to the United States to lay his case before the government and claim damages against Madagascar. Mr. Hulett makes a long and interesting statement of his adventures. He heartily thanks the commander of her majesty's gunboat Fawn, who brought him to Natal.

**A Merchant Gets Two Years.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—The jury in the case of John Keedle, the Monmouth, Ill., merchant, who conspired with salesmen of Phelps, Dodge & Palmer, boot and shoe merchants of this city, to swindle the firm, returned a verdict of guilty to-day, affixing the punishment at two years in the penitentiary.

**Education in Alabama.**

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Feb. 14.—The legislature has passed a bill increasing the public school appropriation $100,000. A bill has passed the senate, and is pending in the house, appropriating $60,000 to the University and $30,000 to the Agricultural college.

**Ocean Steamer Arrivals.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—City of Peubla, from Vera Cruz and Havana; City of San Antonio, from Matanzas and Nassau.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Ponca, Romano, and Titania, from New York. Thornycroft, from Baltimore.

**Edwin Forrest's Wardrobe Sold.**

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Feb. 14.—The extensive wardrobe of the late Edwin Forrest was sold to-day. There was a marked absence of members of the theatrical profession, and the prices brought were small.

**Rear Admiral Beaumont and Child.**

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Feb. 14.—The Tallapoosa sailed for Boston this afternoon. The bodies of Rear Admiral Beaumont and child are aboard, to be taken to Washington.

**Biennial Elections.**

BOSTON, Feb. 14.—By a vote of 19 to 12 the senate this afternoon adopted a resolution providing for biennial elections and for biennial sessions of the legislature.

**Ex-Gov. Ames as a Juror.**

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Ex.-Governor of Mississippi, and son-in-law of Gov. Butler, Adelbert Ames served as a juror in the court of common pleas to-day.

**Sale of the Brooklyn "Union Argus."**

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The Brooklyn *Union-Argus*, a republican evening paper, has been sold. It is believed that Thomas Kinsella is the purchaser.

**Predicts a Failure.**

VIENNA, Feb. 14.—The *Neue Freie Presse* predicts the failure of the conference in London on the Danubian question.

**The Utah Commission.**

The Utah commission adjourned yesterday, to meet in Salt Lake City April 15. The work of the commissioners since their assemblage here last week has consisted mainly of efforts to promote the passage of the supplemental anti-polygamy bill, reported by Mr. Edmunds from the senate judiciary committee, and pending also as a house bill in the house judiciary committee. The commissioners are still hopeful of the enactment of this measure during the short remainder of the present session.

**A Telegraph Union.**

Mr. William Henry Smith, general agent of the press associations, was in the city yesterday. He looks upon the consolidation of the Western and Mutual Union managements as a highly advantageous move for the associations he represents. He is informed that the leases and other papers necessary to a transfer of the Mutual Union lines to the Western Union company were signed and passed before the injunction proceedings were commenced to stop the consummation of the agreement.

## ARMY AND NAVY.

The United States steamer Alaska has been put out of commission at the Mare island navy yard.

The Swatara, which is to go on a cruise to the West Indies, will be inspected at Norfolk, Va., today.

The United States steamer Yantic has arrived at Vera Cruz; all well on board. She expected to sail for Galveston.

The United States steamer Ranger will be docked at the Mare Island navy yard without delay, and her repairs will be pushed to completion.

Rear Admiral Cooper, commanding the North Atlantic station, reports the Tennessee at St. Thomas Jan. 22, from Bassetere, St. Christopher's. At the latter place the customary visits were exchanged with the governor and other officials, and the reception of the vessel was especially cordial. All the flour and most of the food consumed on the island comes from American ports. The Tennessee was to remain at St. Thomas until the arrival of the mails, and then proceed to Santa Cruz.

Comd'r Wildes, commanding the Yantic, reports to the Navy department, under date of Belize, British Honduras, Feb. 2, that he visited Great Corn island, where large quantities of cocoanuts are raised for export, and banana cultivation is now being carried on. Capt. Wildes also visited Mosquito reservation, and had an interview with the authorities in regard to the kidnapping of Mosquito Indians by one Rawson Monasterio, a Spaniard, and alleged citizen of the United States, which has been made the subject of a special report to the State department.

Lieut. John S. Abbott, Master R. H. McLean, and Ensigns T. M. Potts and W. I. Chambers have been ordered to special duty in the Navy department; Master H. H. Hasley to the receiving ship Colorado; Ensign Henry C. Gearing to duty at the naval academy, first of March; Naval Cadet O. C. Gsentuer to duty in the draughting room, bureau steam engineering; Comd'r P. F. Harrington detached from the naval academy, nineteenth instant, and ordered to command the Juniata at Alexandria, Egypt, per steamer of twenty-first instant; Passed Assistant Engineer J. F. Bingham from the coast survey steamer Hassler and ordered to duty at the navy yard, Mare Island, California; Assistant Engineer E. T. Warburton from the Mare Island navy yard and ordered to the Hassler; Assistant Engineer F. C. Bieg from the Miantonomoh and ordered to special duty in the Navy department.

## THE SOCIAL WORLD.

**Informal Reception by the Ladies of the Cabinet—The New German Minister Among the Callers—An Art Conversazione—A Valentine Lunch Party.**

At the houses of several of the cabinet officers there were informal receptions yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Frelinghuysen was assisted by her daughters and by Mrs. Wickham Hoffman, and their parlors were quite as thronged as on any Wednesday during the season, the members of the diplomatic corps being particularly noticeable among those who called at this hospitable home.

Mrs. Totten received yesterday, and was assisted by Miss Anna Totten, Mrs. Thomas Keogh, of North Carolina, and Mrs. and Miss Bradford, of New York.

Mrs. Brewster was not at home yesterday, but will observe Wednesdays informally after this week.

Mrs. Teller received those who called yesterday, but did not hold a formal reception with assistants.

Mrs. Kinsley did the honors for her sister at the residence of Secretary Chandler, Mrs. Chandler not having entirely recovered from her recent indisposition.

Mrs. Keifer did not receive yesterday, and will leave for her home this evening accompanied by her nieces, Misses White and Bushnell.

Mrs. Blaine observes no regular afternoon for her reception day, but is at home to her friends every day after 5 o'clock.

Among those calling yesterday afternoon was the newly arrived German minister, Herr Von Eisendecker, and his wife. The minister speaks English fluently and with a scarcely perceptible accent, and his bride, who is a very charming and beautiful blonde, is equally accomplished in the use of our language. Having been stationed here once before, Herr Von Eisendecker finds many of his old friends to welcome him back to this post.

President Arthur and Secretary Frelinghuysen will go on to New York to-night to act as pall bearers at the funeral of ex-Gov. Morgan, to whom both were attached by the ties of a long and intimate friendship.

Mrs. William O. Goodman, of Chicago, who has been spending the winter with her parents, Senator and Mrs. Sawyer, starts for her home this morning.

The most unique entertainment of yesterday was a St. Valentine's lunch party to thirty-two young ladies given by Miss Florence Spofford. The little tables were prettily decorated with flowers, and at each plate were miniature bows and arrows and four-leaved clover designs made of flowers, to each of which was attached a card with a valentine verse written by the hostess. Valentines sent by mail were brought by the postman at about the middle of the repast, and each guest received one of these pretty inclosures directed to the care of Miss Spofford. Among the young ladies were Miss Waite, Miss Norcross, Miss Russell, the Misses Ramsey, Miss Lida Miller, the Misses Williamson, Miss Woods, the Misses Strong, Miss Alley, the Misses Neal, Miss Richardson, the Misses Matthews, Miss Calhoun, Miss Nordhoff, Miss Safford, Miss Davison, and others.

A conversazione on art at the residence of Hon. Joseph A. Scranton, No. 1341 K street last night, was a source both of pleasure and of instruction to those present. A small party of ladies and gentlemen, with artistic tastes met Col. James Fairman, M. A., at Mr. Scranton's residence and were agreeably entertained by his monologue on art. Col. Fairman assigns gradation to the representative faculties, placing sculpture above architecture, but still on a low pedestal, because dealing only with form; painting, because combining color and expression with form, he places on the terrace above sculpture; then poetry and music. He gave epigrammatic definitions of pre-Raffaelleism, touched with a light but bold touch, the dawn of the Renaissance and its effects on modern civilization; and briefly developed the theory which Swinburne, most markedly among modern poets, has attempted to reduce in verse, the informing of art with the methods of science, to the end that the emotional shall be wrought into harmony with the intellectual. After his monologue Col. Fairman expressed a desire to have questions on art propounded for his replies, which in several cases was done. An allusion to poetry brought a request from the audience that he recite his favorite poem. Col. Fairman said his favorite poem was one of his own making, and he gave a very interesting account of its composition, and the reason for his preference. He had been commissioned to paint the "Auld Brig o' Doon," over which Cuttysark so hotly pursued Tam O'Shanter. The old bridge is zealously guarded and loved by the Ayrshire people, who exhibit it as a relic of Burns, and have built another bridge for transportation, while the old one is affectionately kept free from travel. The poem in question was written under the spell evoked at sight of the "Auld Brig's" keystone, under the magic of Burns. It was a poem of much merit, instinct with true poetic fire, and was recited with admirable dramatic excellence.

Among the interested participants in this interesting conversation were:

The Danish minister, Mr. Elmore, the Peruvian minister, Representative and Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Elmer, Mrs. Neal and daughter, Capt. and Mrs. Hoxie, Miss Stanton, Miss West, Dr. and Mrs. Wright, Col. and Mrs. Moore, Miss Guyon, Mr. and Mrs. Bridge, and many of the guests of the Hamilton.

A pleasing social event was the lunch party given yesterday by Mrs. James P. MacLean, of Q street, to Mrs. Dr. Bartlett and Mrs. Wolcott. Among the ladies present were Mrs. S. H. Miller, wife of Representative Miller, of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Clapp, of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Robbins, Miss Kasson, and Miss Hunt.

Among the most pleasant entertainments given during the season have been the Wednesdays of Mrs. Fisher, when her elegant home on Vermont avenue has been thronged by her many friends. Mrs. Fisher has brilliant conversational powers, and has been assisted by her daughter, a beautiful and sprightly young lady, and her niece, Miss Furness, of Baltimore, who has made many warm friends during her stay in this city.

## ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.

**Increase in the Business of the City Postoffice Yesterday.**

"Mr. Bell," said a REPUBLICAN reporter to the superintendent of the Washington city delivery, "how is the valentine trade?"

"Very large, and growing rapidly."

"Is this year much larger than last? And, if so, by what percentage?"

"It is much larger this than last year, which, in its turn, was greater than 1881. I cannot tell you the percentage, but in 1879, on the thirteenth of February, the receipts at the office for stamps for local purposes were about $50. Yesterday, just four years after, it was $201. To-day the receipts, judging from present appearances, will exceed that sum."

"Can you tell which class of valentines is in excess?"

"The sentimental, very largely. You can tell, generally, the character of the valentine by its envelope. Judging from this the comic ones are a very small fraction only of the others. There are fewer comic ones this year than last, fewer last year than in 1881, and so on for several years back. At this rate the manufacturers of comic valentines will soon go out of the business."

"Have your carriers been increased for today's extra work?"

"Oh, no. The carriers have had a large amount of extra matter to handle, considerably over double the ordinary quantity, yet they have been able to do their duty."

"The change of postmaster has not affected the efficiency of the office?"

"Not a bit. Everything is moving as smoothly under Mr. Tullock as under his predecessor, and in fact he has made some improvements that simplify and lighten the labor of the men."

Inquries put to the booksellers, and other establishments where valentines are sold, elicited the information that the proportion sold of comic to sentimental ones was very small, and growing smaller every year. Not only the ratio of decrease is great, but the actual falling off is prodigious. Even those sold are generally less hideous than in years gone by. The comic valentine will soon be numbered among the things that were, and let us hope with it will go the bad taste that prompts to the sending.

**Report of the Jeannette Board.**

The report of the Jeannette board has been submitted to the secretary of the navy, who approved it as a whole, but returned it to the board for a few verbal changes. These have been made, and the report will probably be transmitted to congress as soon as the secretary returns to this city. While the question of continuing the board until the return of the other survivors of the Jeannette from Siberia has not been acted upon by the secretary, it is pretty well understood that the board will not be discharged until these men have been examined in relation to the alleged De Long-Collins difficulty, which matter will then be made the subject of a supplemental report.

## PROBABLY A LIE ABOUT LANGTRY.

**The Charge That He Claims to be the Father of a Good Saying That was Old Years Ago.**

"Mrs. Langtry's husband is a queer sort of a man," said Count Bozenta, Mme. Modjeska's husband, to a knot of friends at the Southern on Sunday afternoon, after the wrestling match. "When I was last in London they were telling a strange story in the clubs about him, which was very funny. Langtry owns some property in Ireland, and it appears that his agent wrote to him, saying that the tenants demanded lower rents, and had threatened to resort to the shotgun policy to secure them. Mr. Langtry seized pen and paper and wrote back as follows: 'Dear Sir—You may say to my tenants that any threats to shoot you will never intimidate me.' Queer consolation for the agent, wasn't it?"—*St. Louis Post-Dispatch.*

Mr. Langtry may be a very brilliant man, but the above incident does credit rather to his aptness to make use of the good things of others, than to his originality. Another Irish landlord, long years ago, expressed the sentiment and in much more forcible language than the husband of Mrs. Langtry has done. Hon. Jere Black made a very clever application of the story at the time the electoral commission bill was pending. It appears that a friend of his, meeting him one day on the avenue, asked if he couldn't bring some influence to bear on democratic members to prevent them from passing the bill. The sage of York pushed his wig about five degrees further over in a northeast by north northeast direction back of his left ear, and then, shaking his head gravely, began to explain, "I don't think it can be prevented," said he. "I have reasoned with about every democrat in the house, and done my best to convince them that they would surrender everything by passing the measure, and it don't seem to do any good. Most of them appear to be convinced that I am right, too, and they generally admit the force of the argument, but invariably they wind up by saying their constituents want to avoid all possibility of trouble, and it would be the everlasting political death of every one of them to fail to heed this wish. I have got pretty tired of hearing this argument, and latterly I have been telling them the story of the Irish landlord who employed an agent to collect his rents. This agent went about his business, but soon returned with the report that the tenants not only refused to pay, but threatened to kill him in case he persisted in his demands. "Go back," said the landlord, "and tell these men that they must pay, and that their threats, as against your life, have no terrors for me."

It seems that Mrs. Langtry's husband has learned to tell the story, and is making a reputation on it.

## AMERICAN ECONOMISTS.

**The First Session to be Held To-Night—What Members Are in the City.**

The Association of American Economists hold their first session this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the lecture room of the Young Men's Christian association, 1409 New York avenue. The opening address will be made by the president, Judge Lawrence, and papers will be read by Prof. J. R. Dodge, Mr. D. H. Mason, of Chicago; Mr. George B. Dixwell, of Boston; Mr. H. B. Metcalf, of Rhode Island, and others. To-morrow evening, at the same place, another meeting will be held, when Senator Platt, of Connecticut, will deliever a eulogy on the late Marshall Jewell. The last session will be held on Saturday evening at Willard hall.

The members present in the city are:

Hon. William Lawrence, first comptroller of the treasury; Hon. John C. New, assistant secretary of the treasury; Hon. George B. Loring, commissioner of agriculture; Hon. Columbus Delano, ex-secretary of the interior; Hon. William D. Kelley, Senators Justin S. Morrill, George F. Hoar, Henry L. Dawes, William P. Frye, Warner Miller, Eribidge G. Lapham, and O. D. Conger; Hon. Charles Foster, governor or Ohio; Hon. Frederick Roble, governor of Maine; Hon. W. W. Dudley, commissioner of Pensions; Representatives William Ward, Thomas M. Bayne, M. C. George, William McKinley, jr., William S. Shallenberger, J. Hart Brewer, John T. Wait, Julius C. Burrows, J. M. Campbell, Nelson Dingley, jr., S. J. Peelle, William A. Russell, A. Herr Smith, and Amasa Norcross, Mr. William Barnes, of Albany, N. Y.; J. R. Dodge, statistician of the Agricultural department; Edward Young, late chief United States bureau of statistics; David H. Mason, Chicago; George Basil Dixwell, Boston; H. B. Metcalf, Rhode Island; L. Sanial, New York; Dr. William Elder, Washington; Cyrus Elder, Johnstown, Pa.; Giles B. Stebbins, Detroit; George McNeir, Kalamazoo; C. S. Mixter, census office; William H. Armstrong, assistant solicitor of internal revenue; John B. Taylor, statistician internal revenue department; Carroll D. Wright, chief of Massachusetts bureau of labor statistics; Prof. Van Buren Denslow, Chicago; Joseph M. Wilson, Washington; B. S. Osbon, New York; Thurlow Weed Barnes, Albany; Joseph D. Weeks, Pittsburg; Henry Hall, of the New York *Tribune*; Hon. H. C. Johnson, commissioner of customs; Hon. F. C. Jillson, speaker Rhode Island house of representatives, and Hon. Redfield Proctor, ex-governor of Vermont.

## THE GRAND DOG SHOW.

**Large Number of Entries of Champion Dogs Made.**

The entries of champion English setter dogs for the coming bench show are the largest ever known to be made in any similar show in the world. The dogs entered in this class are: Leicester, Thunder, Plantagenet, Don Juan, Prince, Emperor Fred, Foreman, and Coin—all of the very best specimens, and it is safe to say such a galaxy of stars was never seen before; champion English setter bitches are Fairy II, Petrel II, Belle's Pride, and Blue Belle; champion Gordon setters, Lady Gordon and Bob; champion Irish setter dogs, Biz, Berkley, and Arlington; champion Irish setter bitches, Lady Clare and Juno; champion pointers, Sensation (not for competition), Shot, Knickerbocker, Bravo, Donald, and Le Guy; champion pointer bitches, Dutchess and Water Lilly; champion field spaniels, Benedict and Success; champion cocker spaniels, Hornell and Flirt II; champion fox terrier dogs, Curate and Joker; champion fox terrier bitches, Tussle and Gipp, champion collier dogs, Marcus, Guido, and Ayrshire Laddie; champion collier bitches, Meg, Lass o' Lawrie, Flora, Jersey Lass; champion pugs, George, Roderick, and Effie.

**John B. Gough To-Morrow Night.**

The main public attraction, aside from the theaters, to-morrow night will be the lecture of John B. Gough at Lincoln hall on "Circumstances," which will be one of the most enjoyable intellectual treats of the winter. No one upon the platform can be compared with Mr. Gough, and the mere announcement is sufficient to fill a house. The sale of seats at Free's has been very large. The Lyceum has kindly offered special rates to members of temperance organizations.

## EAST WASHINGTON.

Thomas Nash, an insane white inmate of the asylum, escaped from that place Monday night, and since that time he has been wandering through the streets of East Washington. Sargeant Marks and Officer Barner overhauled him at No. 209 First street northeast, and after considerable difficulty placed him in the eighth precinct, and from there he was conveyed to the asylum.

Mr. Charles Wood, the East Washington jeweler, was arrested last night on a charge of receiving stolen jewelry from a boy. The case will be heard in the police court this morning.

One of the recent applicants at the eighth police station for work on the old canal was a colored man who claimed to be 93 years of age. He said, "Boss, I can sling a pickaxe an' shubbel yet."

The Washington Light Guards removed to their new armory at Odd Fellows' hall, southeast, last evening. The company now numbers nearly fifty muskets.

A number of East Washington ladies and gentlemen propose to start a lodge of Iolanthes, a new benevolent and social organization, in a few days. Several lodges of the order are in existence in Baltimore.

IT is certain that the longer the speech, the weaker it is, but not so with a cold, the longer it runs, the worse it becomes. A cold, be it ever so slight, is no trifle, it should be checked in its early stages. Dr. Bull's cough Syrup is the "Balm of Gilead" that millions say is divine in its origin.

## UNITED TO A TATTOOED MAN.

**Marriage of the Bearded Woman—Albinos, Living Skeletons, Fat and Bearded Women, and Double-Headed Girls Attend a Wedding Dinner, with a Fellow Curiosity, in Frankfort.**

*Philadelphia Times.*

R. R. Moffitt, a tattooed man, and Miss Leo Hernandez, "the Spanish bearded lady," were married in Frankford yesterday, and a large number of noted "freaks" witnessed the ceremony. The bride has a glossy black beard, three inches long, and the groom is as handsome a piece of mosaic work as there is in America. Miss Leo is 26 years old, and her husband has passed 40. His first wife was the "Russian giantess," a 500 pound Venus, who died of dyspepsia in Pittsburg in 1880. Before the season ended Moffitt married a Circassian beauty of Milesian extraction. She died last summer, and before the Barnum show concluded its season the tattooed widower was head over heels in love with the fascinating "Spanish bearded lady." Although bearded, she possessed all the coyness of her sex, and Mr. Moffitt was compelled to use all the eloquence which once made him famous as a side-show "blower" to persuade her to accept him. "Old" John Geary, the most skillful sword swallower in the country, is the stepfather of Miss Leo, and gave her away. Miss Leo wanted to have her beard shaved off in honor of the occasion, but Mr. Moffitt, who is of a practical turn of mind, opposed it on the ground that she might not be able to raise another crop, in which event her value as a "freak" would be totally destroyed. Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt went to New York last evening.

After the ceremony Mr. Geary, "a freak" of fifty years' standing, invited twenty of his most intimate acquaintances home to dine with him. Mr. Geary's present wife is professionally known as "Mlle. Cathlene, the skelgton woman." When in showing condition she ways seventy pounds, and, as her husband graphically expressed it, "there isn't enough meat on her to feed a Scotch terrier." Now, however, Mlle. Cathlene is what Mr. Geary is pleased to call as "fat as butter," and weighs ninety pounds. In response to a question about the matrimonial alliances of well-known "freaks," Mr. Geary said: "Well, the most of 'em marry opposites. I only know one case in which a fat man married a fat woman. There's Hannah and John Battersby. She's the fattest woman that ever showed through this country; weighs something like 600 pounds, and keeps gaining flesh right straight along. John, her husband, used to do the living skeleton business, but he got so lean that he couldn't walk and he had to give up traveling. They live here in Frankford. He runs a blacksmith shop and peddles hoss medicine. He has to be trundled around in a handcart. Well, I guess he won't weigh more than sixty pounds. You heard about that skeleton, Sprague, who married a beauty out of Bunnell's woman show, didn't you? Well, that man has got a two hundred pound wife and half a dozen children down in Massachusetts. By the way, the Battersbys have a mighty handsome daughter. Yes, a young woman. No, neither fat nor lean. There's a fat girl at Bunnell's that is married to an animal keeper. John and Mary Powers travel as brother and sister, but they are man and wife. That's the only fat couple I know of. Forepaugh had a fat man, who married an albino, and John B. Doris engaged a fat woman that was married to a canvass man. Fat Lottie Grant is married to a lean ventriloquist."

Here Mr. Geary paused to light his pipe. Then he resumed his interesting narrative. "There's Col. Goshen, the giant, you know; he got struck on little Daisy Henry, who isn't much higher than his knee. She's the freak that married Gen. Whatman, a dwarf, who is ugly enough to sour milk. The Chinese giant once told me he had half a dozen wives at home, but I think he was pulling my leg. That ugly little Chinese dwarf who was with the Barnum show last season was on the flirt all the time. He has a wife and five children in Hong Kong, but he is engaged to be married to as sleek a looking white woman as you ever saw. He met her in Baltimore, and she followed the show for a month. Why, you'd be astonised to know the number of women that fall in love with 'freaks.'" The historian said this in a way calculated to convey the impression that innumerable fair ones had smiled upon him during his long and eventful career. The sword swallower paused to make the point more effective. On resuming he said: "Half a dozen of them Cape Town niggers that Firini took to London and called Zulus are now married to English women. Fanny Burdette, one of the smallest women in the country, is the wife of big Bill Bristol, a side-show blower. She is now in Boston. Of course you know Tom Thumb married Minnie Warren. Maj. Little Finger and wife, both little folks, traveled with O'Brien's circus last year. Little Com. Nutt is married to a dwarf, but he thinks every big woman on the road is struck on him. Mme. Helene, the bearded woman, married Dr. Clark, the lecturer, shaved her beard off and quit the show business. Mme. Myers, the best bearded woman in the business, married a sideshow ticket taker, and lives somewhere near Pittsburg. Mme. Lyons, of Syracuse, was married to a showman. She travels with her daughter, who does the Circassian girl business. Annie Jones, another bearded woman, has two of the nicest children you ever saw. Oh, I forgot about Eugene Feralto, a skeleton, who married a Circassian girl. Ida Woodward, the original tattooed woman, married the man who painted her. Why, certainly, they are all painted. Barnum's india rubber man, that guy that can pull his skin around, let it snap back like gum, has a wife and eight children in Germany. Osmund, the hairy man, married the 'three handed lady.' She died, and he liked the family so well that he married her mother, who is a snake charmer. Lurline, the water queen, ain't exactly a freak, but she's in the business. Her right name is Sallie Swift, and she first came out as a club swinger. She married a nobleman in London and lives in bang-up style.

"Oh, the albinos and Circassians, and gals with great heads of hair, are so numerous that no one pays any attention to their marriages. Talking about funny things, there's that freak, the double-headed girl—Millie-Christine—I mean. Well, I'll bet that more than a dozen men have offered to marry her. I guess the most of 'em were after her money, but she knows it, and won't take 'em up. Why, one cranky Dutchman followed that double-headed girl from Berlin to St. Petersburg, and sent her an offer of marriage every day. I guess that fellow dropped about $2,000 traveling around after that double-headed gal."

As the reporter started to the door Mr. Geary said: "Come up again in the spring and see the old woman when she gets some of the flesh off her," an invitation to which the feminine skeleton at his side kindly added her voice.

**Beating a Bartender.**

*Peck's Sun.*

Probably in Chicago there is more business done in working bartenders than anywhere else, and when one of them gets beat everybody laughs at him. Opposite the criminal court in Chicago is a row of saloons, and when one bartender gets beat he stears the beat onto the rest. The other day a fairly dressed man came in and asked for a drink. After disposing of it, he leaned over the bar and confidentially told the barkeeper that he had no money, but he expected a friend in from Peoria at 3 o'clock, and would drop in and pay. He was too respectable looking to thump, and so the bartender just looked at him in disgust, and he went out. A little after 3 o'clock the man came in with a friend, and with his thumb and finger in his vest pocket, he said, smiling, "I suppose you thought I would not come round again." The bartender smiled, and said "Sir, I knew you would come back. I can tell a gentleman when I see one, and I said to myself, that gentleman is good for all he calls for." The man thanked the barkeeper for his confidence, and said it was pleasant these days, when there were so many beats around, to feel that business men had not entirely lost confidence in everybody. Then he called for drinks, and he and his friend took good, square, everyday sort of full glasses, and after he had wiped his mouth and asked what brand of whisky that was and said they would take one more, he said to the bartender, "I came in to tell you that my friend from Peoria did not arrive. I expect he will be here at 6 o'clock, when I will come in and demonstrate to you that your confidence is well placed." He got outside the door just as an empty bottle struck the door casing, and the maddest bartender in Chicago washed the glasses and swore.

## QUICK WORK.

**A Patent Attorney's House Robbed, the Thief Captured, and Goods Recovered in a Few Hours.**

The residence of De Witt C. Allen, a prominent patent attorney of this city, at No. 1004 H street northwest, was robbed yesterday by a colored servant girl during the absence of the family in the afternoon.

The girl, by name Georgia Walker, had only been in the house for about two weeks, having been recommended by a washerwoman in whom Mrs. Allen had implicit confidence. She secured about $200 worth of jewelry belonging to Mrs. Allen, and several dresses and other articles of wearing apparel the property of Miss Jennie Chappell, a sister of Mrs. Allen's.

The neighbors saw the girl leaving with a large bundle of goods about 3 p. m., but did not suspect anything wrong.

The case was reported to the police, and Sergeant Teeple and Officer Shanks were assigned to work it up. After investigation they learned that Georgianna Walker was the thief, and she was arrested at a dance at King's hall, on Tenth street, near M. She was taken to the sixth precinct, when she confessed to stealing the articles and told the officers where they were to be found. The officers went to her home, in Nailor's alley, and recovered all of the goods but the watch and bracelets. Later in the evening Lieuts. Greer and Arnold went to a haunt of Georgianna's in Swampoodle and recovered the watch and bracelets. The officers concerned deserve some credit for the way in which the case was worked up and the thief captured.

**Police Court Notes.**

Charles White, whose arrest while in the act of robbing the ladies' dressing rooms of the Theater Comique was mentioned in THE REPUBLICAN, was given thirty days in each of two cases of petit larceny and committed in default of $1,000 bail to answer to the charge of burglary. Appeals were noted in the two cases of larceny.

Charles Robinson was sent to jail for a month for stealing a mouth organ from a boy named Wm. Crowley.

Zephaniah Lunsford was fined $5 for raising a disturbance on the street.

Richard Burk, a crippled tramp, who claimed to belong to Cincinnati, pleaded guilty to a charge of vagrancy, but gave his personal b