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REFUSE TO RESIGN.

The British Cabinet Hold a Council and Refuse to Resign by a Vote of Two to One.

Mr. Gladstone's Proposed Concessions to the Parnellites—The Scheme Includes a Sub-Parliament for Ireland.

IMPORTANT CABINET COUNCIL.

LONDON, December 15.—The most important Cabinet council yet held by the present Ministry, assembled yesterday in the Premier's official residence in Downing Street. All the members were present, including the Earl of Carnarvon, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, who came over from Dublin expressly to attend. The session lasted two and one-half hours, which is five times as long as the council usually sits. There was a long and very serious debate upon the question of resigning office in view of the fact that the Tories had failed to elect a majority of the whole House of Commons. A majority of the Ministers opposed the proposition of resigning. They took the ground that although they had not elected a clear majority of the House, yet neither the Whigs, the Radicals nor the Parnellites had done so and therefore it was shown that the country had not given a mandate to either of those parties to administer the Government. It was argued that the Tories were numerically stronger than any one of the other parties and moreover the Ministers were unanimously confident in the belief that the Whigs would support the present government, thus giving it an ample working majority in the House.

These views finally prevailed, and the motion to resign was lost by a majority of two to one. The Cabinet then decided to meet the new Parliament and to submit a comprehensive programme of legislation for the session. This will include a new scheme of county governments in England and a bill to reform and decentralize the administration of local affairs in Ireland. The details of the latter measure was not fully decided upon, and the Council will reassemble to-day mainly for that purpose. The proposed bill is a limited measure of Home Rule, but it falls far short of what the Parnellites demand and of what the Liberals have offered.

Mr. Gladstone's proposed concessions to Parnell, if correctly stated by his close followers, ought certainly to satisfy the Home Rule chieftain, for the Tories will almost certainly not go so far. The scheme, it is said, includes a sub-Parliament sitting at Dublin, its members to be popularly elected, Ireland being districted for this purpose on the same lines laid out for the election of members to the British Parliament.

The body is to have jurisdiction in all matters of municipal and provincial regulation, including railways, canals, markets, internal navigation, highways, poor laws, etc. Of course, the purely national functions, such as of the army and navy, customs and excise, will be under the control of the Government, and a clause that is sure to cause much distrust in Ireland provides for the retention of the powers of the Government police, who are the objects of the most intense hatred and suspicion among the Irish masses. Mr. Parnell's support of the measures as a whole is nevertheless confidently looked for.

The attention of England is again directed toward Egypt, whence news comes of a sanguinary conflict at Kosep, the natives being repulsed by the British only after a severe and protracted battle. Fears begin to be entertained that the pre-occupation of British statesmen of late on home affairs has led them into carelessness in regard to the Egyptian situation and that they have paid too little heed to the ample warnings that have come from time to time from the Soudan of the marching of warlike hosts toward Cairo. As the rebels have this time obligingly come several hundred miles nearer the line of civilization than El Mahdi ever got, it will doubtless be a much less costly undertaking in men and money to cope with them than it was for Mr. Gladstone's unlucky expedition to the interior.

In an interview last evening a prominent military man expressed the belief that the policy of the Government would be to let the fanatical Arabs wear out their strength by dashing themselves against the comparatively strong positions of the British and Egyptians near Lower Egypt, rather than attempt to drive them back or pursue them in the desert. The prevailing feeling in England, he said, seemed to justify such a course as there is no disposition to seek empty honors by showing the military power of Great Britain to drive back a horde of half savage enthusiasts.

No hint of a communication of the labors of the Ambassadors' Conference is yet received, and there seems no present prospect for a speedy settlement of the conflicting interests.

COAL MINERS' TROUBLES.

Miners' Amalgamated Association in Session—Resolutions Favoring Arbitration Presented to the Coal Exchange—Grand Master Workman Powderly Investigates the Strike.

PITTSBURGH, December 15.—The convention of the Miners' Amalgamated Association met yesterday for the purpose of electing salaried officers. President Costello spoke at length regarding the existing animosity between the Amalgamated Association and the Knights of Labor, offering suggestions by which the difficulties might be obviated and blaming the officers for the contention among the miners. He charged Secretary Flannery with incompetency, stating that he was unworthy of support. He was called to order amid much excitement. It was finally decided that the Amalgamated Association should have two officers as heretofore—president and secretary—whose salaries shall be sixty-five dollars per month. A committee of negotiation was appointed to meet a similar committee of the Knights of Labor. The convention adjourned until to-day without electing officers.

District Master Workman Newman and Secretary Walton presented a resolution yesterday adopted at the last meeting of District Assembly No. 80, Knights of Labor, to Secretary Barrow, of the Coal Exchange, having for its object the settlement of the existing troubles among the river mines by arbitration. The resolutions discountenances the recent acts of violence perpetrated by the strikers, and suggests that the miners resume work immediately at a price subject to the decision of the umpire or joint committee. A great many of the members of the Coal Exchange are absent from the city, and it is probable that the matter will not be considered for several days, if at all.

Grand Master Workman Powderly, of the Knights of Labor, arrived in the city yesterday and is busily engaged in an investigation of the situation of the striking miners in the Monongahela Valley. He declines to make any statement regarding his future plans, saying he must first become thoroughly conversant with the situation before making any move for settlement.

A City and County Threatened with Bankruptcy.

MANDAN, Dak., December 15.—A special meeting of the City Council has passed a resolution praying Congress to enact such laws as will afford relief in the matter of taxation of railroad lands. Under the United States Supreme Court decision in the case of the Northern Pacific against the treasurer of Trail County, Dak., no tax on real estate of the Northern Pacific can be collected and it is asserted that the city and county governments are threatened with bankruptcy.

A Wife's Fatal Mistake.

ST. JOHNSVILLE, N. Y., December 15.—Earl S. Gillett, aged about fifty-eight years, and cashier of the National Mohawk River Bank, of Fonda, since its organization in 1856, died at Fonda last evening from a dose of aconite given him by his wife in mistake for the usual medicine. He left the bank at four o'clock and was about to take tea when he asked for his medicine, with the above result. His wife is raving, and it is feared she will lose her mind.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The Presidential Succession Bill to be Reported to the Senate—Senator Logan Made Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—SENATE—In the Senate yesterday Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, presented a joint resolution of the Legislature of that State, urging the passage by Congress of a Presidential Succession bill. Mr. Platt said the people of his State felt much interest in the matter, and that the Governor had requested him to bring the matter to the attention of the Senate.

Mr. Hoar intimated that the State of Connecticut was responsible for the failure in the House of the Senate bill during the last session. He said a distinguished Representative of that State having been chairman of the Conference Committee failed to report to the House until so late in the session that the report was not acted upon.

Mr. Platt did not agree with the views of the Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. Hoar reported favorable, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, an original bill providing for Presidential Succession (substantially the same bill which passed the Senate last year,) and gave notice that he would call it up for consideration on Tuesday.

Upon a suggestion by Mr. Edmunds, Hoar agreed that the bill should lay over for a day in order that Mr. Edmunds might have an opportunity to attach to it an amendment regulating the count of the Presidential vote.

On motion of Mr. Allison, the membership of the Committee on Appropriations was increased to ten, and the chair appointed Mr. Logan as an additional member.

Mr. Sewell, at his own request, was relieved of the chairmanship of the Committee on Military Affairs, and Mr. Logan was appointed to that position.

Mr. Harrison gave notice that at the first opportunity he would introduce a bill providing for the admission of Southern Dakota as a State.

Mr. Manderson was, at his own request, relieved from service on the Committee on Military Affairs, and Mr. Sherman, was at his own request, relieved from service on the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Sewell was, by the Chair, appointed Chairman of the Committee on the Library, and was appointed a member of the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported favorably on the bill fixing the salary of United States District Judges at $8,000. The bill was placed on the calendar. Adjourned.

HOUSE.—Mr. Morrison, (Ill.) from the Committee on Rules, submitted the report of that committee on the proposed revision of the rules (heretofore published). Laid over until to-day.

Mr. Randall will submit his views as those of the minority.

An effort was made to have a call of the States for the introduction of bills, but the proposition gave rise to debate, and in order to avoid a controversy, Mr. Hatch (Mo.) at 12:25 moved that the House adjourn, which motion was carried.

Forger Arrested After a Long Chase.

BUFFALO, December 14.—Deputy Sheriff Carlton returned Saturday from a four weeks' chase over the plains of western Kansas, having in custody David C. Jones, who is wanted here on a charge of forgery. It was only after persistent and long continued effort, working under great difficulties and traveling 4,000 miles, that Mr. Carlton was enabled to get his man, who was lodged in jail here. Jones operated extensively in western New York, and, it is said, defrauded farmers out of some $20,000 or $30,000. Last April he was located on his cattle ranch in Kansas, about fifteen miles from Hayes City, in Ellis County. Deputy Carlton arrested him there, but Jones afterwards escaped and the chase was temporarily given up. Four weeks ago Carlton again started for Ellis County, Kan., and by a clever piece of detective work entrapped Jones on his ranch, and after traveling eighty-five miles in an open wagon with his prisoner, boarded a train at Larned City, and landed here safely Saturday afternoon.

One Man Killed and Several Injured in a Mine Explosion.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 15.—A terrible explosion occurred yesterday morning in the Mill Creek mine, operated by the Delaware & Hudson Coal Company, at Plains. There were about one hundred men at work in the slope at the time, many of whom are said to be severely burned. An exploring party of about twenty miners are at work rescuing the injured. It is known that one man was killed and six seriously injured by the explosion. Many others were hurt by flying pieces of wood and coal and by the concussion. The atmospheric conditions yesterday morning, it is said, made the explosion inevitable.

Threats to Lynch Archbishop Purcell's Assignee.

CINCINNATI, December 15.—Archbishop Purcell's creditors at Hibernia Hall Sunday expressed great indignation and intense excitement against Mannix, the assignee. A desire to lynch him was several times expressed. It was generally determined that he should be criminally punished. A speech by Pat Dwire and two letters read fired hot-shell at Mannix, Lawyer Kittridge, the Probate Court and the Catholic church. It was resolved to organize, pay ten cents a week each for the common cause, and to recommend as successors to Mannix, ex-Mayor Stephens and Colonel Gustave Tafel.

Passengers of the Wrecked Oconto Rescued.

DETROIT, December 15.—The wrecking tug Winslow arrived at Port Huron Sunday morning. She brought the passengers from the wrecked steamer Oconto and Captain McGregor. The tug could not get within three miles of the Oconto, on account of the ice. The Captain and passengers were secured by a yawl boat. They left part of the crew on Charity Island. The Oconto is likely to go to pieces. Two men were left on board with the cattle and horses.

Lumber Merchant Suicides.

DULUTH, Minn., December 15.—H. W. Coppernall, of the firm of Coppernall & Heimborch, prominent lumber merchants of this city, committed suicide Sunday afternoon by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun, which blew off the entire top of his head, scattering his brains around. Coppernall leaves a wife and one daughter. He had been sick for some time and it is supposed he shot himself while temporarily insane.

Bank at Orrville, O., Closes Its Doors.

ORRVILLE, O., December 14.—The Farmers' Bank of this place closed its doors early Saturday afternoon. It was a private institution, but had enjoyed wide confidence, and had, among other funds, the deposit of the township and school district. It is reported that the stockholders are so situated that the depositors will lose every dollar. The failure was caused by outside speculation.

Ohio State Board of Canvassers Meet and Adjourn.

COLUMBUS, December 15.—The State Canvassing Board met at five o'clock last evening to canvass the vote of the State. It was found that the returns of Hamilton County had not yet arrived and the board adjourned to meet at ten o'clock this morning. In the meantime the board's attorney, Hon. George K. Nash, has been requested to institute mandamus proceedings against Clerk Dalton, compelling him to make a return at once.

Murphy & Bro. are selling best quality of the celebrated Amana White Flannels at less than usual prices. These are truly superb goods, and worth your attention. 60m

Thomas Stevens, who started from San Francisco to ride upon a bicycle around the world, has arrived at Teheran, the capital of Persia. His is the most noteworthy cycling tour of this first century of cycles.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

The Duc D'Aumale has purchased the late Lord Dudley's celebrated Raphael, "The Three Graces," for £25,000.

A dispatch received from Belgrade states that typhoid fever and dysentery has broken out among the troops at Pirot.

China has sent an official remonstrance to St. Petersburg against Russian intrigues among the Mohammedan population of Kuldja.

Herr Enwald, the German explorer, in a letter from Zululand to the Cologne *Gazette*, states that he has discovered extensive gold fields in that country.

A courier from Fort Bayard states that additional Indian murders have been reported near Silver City. The Indians are being pursued by a strengthened force of cavalry.

Queen Christina, Regent of Spain, has ordered a pardon for the four officers recently sentenced to death by a court-martial at Carthagena, for conspiring for a revolutionary uprising.

The London *Times* of the 14th confirms the statement that documents were found at Mandalay showing that an offensive and defensive alliance had existed between France and Burmah.

The total value of exports of breadstuffs in November last amounted to $7,148,888, against $11,050,402 in November, 1884. The value of cotton exported in November, 1885, amounted to $29,872,458, against $22,803,869 in November, 1884.

The Soudanese insurgents have pillaged and burned Ferkat and other villages between the second and third cataracts on the Nile. They are advancing toward Wady Halfa and are subsisting on the country, leaving nothing but ruins behind them.

Queen Victoria, accompanied by several members of the royal family, drove from Windsor Castle to Frogmore on the 14th, it being the anniversary of the late Prince Consort's death. The usual religious ceremonies took place in the mausoleum.

Mr. E. T. Jeffrey, for seven years past General Superintendent of the Illinois Central Railroad, has been promoted to the position of General Manager of that road. Mr. Jeffrey entered the service of the company thirty years ago as an office boy.

General Gustavus Smith, who commanded the Thirty-fifth Regiment of Illinois volunteers, died at Santa Fe, N. M., on the 12th, of Bright's disease. He filled the office of Internal Revenue Collector for ten years in the Santa Fe district.

Frederick Barney, of Milford, and J. A. Burch, of Auburn, N. Y., two students at the Clinton Liberal Institute, Fort Plain, N. Y., have died of diphtheria. Another student is now ill with the same disease. Defective closet drainage is the cause and the school has been closed.

Don Carlos announces that the report of the marriage of his son Jaime with the infant Queen Mercedes are premature. Don Carlos declares that he will never seek any benefit to be caused by an alliance which would be tantamount to renouncing his rights or recognizing the claims of others to the throne of Spain.

There were few visitors to Mr. Vanderbilt's tomb on Staten Island yesterday. Four detectives, who are to guard the tomb until the mausoleum is finished, arrived at the residence of the superintendent of the Mariarian cemetery. They will remain all winter, taking alternate tours of duty of four hours each.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Parnell Parliamentary Fund, at New York on the 14th, it was announced that over $7,000 has been subscribed since the last meeting, making over $20,000 altogether. Among the subscriptions is one of $5,000 from two trustees of the Irish Revolutionary fund of 1848, Judge O'Gorman and Richard S. Emmet.

Patrick O'Rourke, who for forty-four years has been connected with the New York *Tribune*, died of heart disease on the 14th. He became associated with Horace Greeley on the *Log Cabin* in 1840, and assisted in issuing the first number of the *Tribune* in 1841. His death leaves Thomas N. Rooker, the sole survivor of the original proprietors now engaged on the *Tribune*.

Dispatches from Central Illinois and Southern Wisconsin and Michigan state that the heavy snow storm of Saturday continued until a late hour Sunday night, from nine to fourteen inches having fallen in different localities before its cessation. Trains are reported badly delayed in some sections. The fall ceased in Chicago about midnight, but commenced again at an early hour Monday morning.

It is rumored that one Vukotic, Secretary of the Supreme Court of Montenegro, informed an intimate friend of a Montenegrin plot, fomented by Russia, to form a great Servian State to consist of Servia, Bosnia, Herzegovina and Montenegro. An assassin was hired for 40,000 rubles to murder King Milan and prepare the way for the elevation of Prince Karageorgevitch to the throne of the new kingdom. Some of the accomplices, however, divulged the plot and Vukotic is now a volunteer in the Servian army.

Advices from Mandalay states that the sacred white elephant is dead. The customary ceremony of keeping the body lying in state for three days was prevented by the British officials, owing to sanitary reasons. The funeral was attended by an enormous crowd. The elephant occupied a magnificent palace of its own near King Theebaw's palace. A correspondent who recently viewed the white elephant, says: "The only white about him was in two small dirty spots which were almost imperceptible."

J. H. Zuckerfort, of London, the champion chess player of the world, arrived at New York on the 14th. He comes to play a series of games with William Steintz, the champion of America, and the ex-champion of the world. The contest begins the first week in January, and will continue until either player has won four games, after which they will visit St. Louis and play until three or four games are won, and the finish will be in New Orleans. The game will end by the winning of the first ten games. Only three games are to be played each week, and the moves must be on an average of fifteen per hour.

MISSING LINKS.

The manuscript of Mozart's "Don Giovanni" is owned by Mme. Viardot, of Baden.

It cost more than $80,000 to examine the flesh of swine offered for sale in Berlin last year.

Maine paid $53,950 of internal revenue last year. There are 1,014 retail liquor dealers in the state.

Fifty years ago the great Salt Lake of Utah was unknown. Fremont discovered it in 1840.

An Omaha woman kindly consented to have her picture taken in a group with her three divorced husbands.

Two young women school teachers at Kingston, N. Y., are sharpshooters, and can snuff a candle at twenty yards.

One of the latest things out is a hair-cutting machine that goes by clockwork and trims a man's locks at any length desired.

Sixty tons of almonds were gathered from sixty-five trees on the Oak Dale farm, in Yolo county, California, the present season.

Four students at an Iowa college were stung so badly in robbing a bee-hive that discovery of the theft and expulsion from the school quickly followed.

Uncle Sam has just run his hand into his long wallet and counted down ten thousand clinking dollars, and all for a hole in the ground—a 1,500-foot artesian well at Mare Island, Golden Gate.

A rude, storm-stained shingle is the only headboard that marks the grave of the poet James Gates Percival, whose thoughts still shine like fire-flies in the old books, but whose bones lie thus unhonored in a little graveyard at Hazel Green, Wis.

Professor Eaton, of Yale college, in a recent lecture to the students, told them that it was not certain Eve tempted Adam with an apple in the Garden of Eden. He thinks probable it was a quince, "because the apple of the present day was propagated from the crab apple, and it is not at all likely Adam would have been taken in by such a puckery little bait."

WORK OF THE FLAMES.

The Handsome Residence of S. A. Bowman Almost Totally Destroyed by Fire.

A Defective Furnace—Valiant Work of the Firemen and Others—Almost All the Valuable Contents Saved—Loss and Insurance.

The alarm of fire which came in from box 16 at the corner of Market street and Fernclift avenue at 10:45 this morning, called the Central and Western departments to the handsome residence of S. A. Bowman on Fernclift avenue, which is now a total wreck.

The fire caught from the furnace in the basement and spread rapidly all over the house through the partitions. It was first discovered by Misses Darlie and May Bowman and Miss Acquerone, who were sitting in the library. They suddenly discovered that the house was filled with smoke, and in another moment the fire began to break through the floor. They rushed out and gave the alarm at once, and the call was turned in at the corner. The firemen made a remarkably quick run, considering the icy state of the streets, and when they arrived found quite a little crowd of the neighbors gathered at the house, who were already busying themselves getting the furniture out. By this time the flames were breaking out on the roof and in almost every room in the house. The hose lines were laid in haste, and the work of fighting the flames began. This was an exceedingly difficult task as it was almost impossible to get at the fire, which was sweeping between the walls and floors, bursting out first through a wall in the front part of the house and then through a ceiling in the back part.

The crowd gathered rapidly, and all hands turned to with a will to help get out the furniture and valuables. Although this work was retarded somewhat by the suffocating smoke with which the house was filled, yet the amount of stuff that was moved out in a few minutes was remarkable. Every book in Mr. Bowman's magnificent library was gotten out and stored at Phelps', next door. This library contains many rare and valuable books which could never have been replaced, and the value of the collection cannot be estimated in money. The house was filled with costly furniture and bric-a-brac, almost all of which was gotten out of the way of the flames, though considerably damaged by water. Some of the things were pitched helter-skelter out of the windows, while others—pillows and mattresses, for instance—were carried out very carefully. In this way a great deal of damage was done by breakage of furniture. Everything—furniture, bedding, tapestries, knick-knacks and jewelry—was piled up on the lawn in a promiscuous heap, people in their excitement giving little heed to the value of articles that were left thus exposed. Naturally this display of valuables excited the rapacity of a few of the street arabs, &c., that generally gather at a fire, and there can be no doubt that a good deal was lost by theft. The police already on the ground had so much trouble protecting the scattered property from this class that the patrol wagon was called and an extra squad of police were detailed by Chief Walker to guard the stuff.

The fire laddies, covered with water and ice, continued steadily at their almost hopeless task of fighting the flames. As soon as the fire was quenched in one place, it would break out in half a dozen others. It was all over the roof, and every few minutes the flames would leap wildly up in some new quarter. At 11:30 a second alarm was rung, which soon brought the Southern department on the scene. This second alarm convinced the people in the city that it must be a very large fire, and as the news was pretty well spread that it was Bowman's residence, an immense crowd of people poured over the Market street bridge and gathered about the doomed house.

By this time almost all the contents of the house had been removed and everything of more than ordinary value was saved. Mrs. Bowman's diamonds, which are of great value, could not be found in the house and it is thought she has them with her. If this is the case, the loss on the contents of the house will not come much over $2,000. After the excitement had quieted down a little most of the furniture and stuff was removed to Phelps' yard, where it could be watched by the police to better advantage. At about 12 o'clock the whole western side of the roof broke out afresh, and it looked for awhile as though the roof would fall in. Never did the fire department show more nerve and bravery than they did throughout the two hours that the house was burning. Perfectly reckless of the danger to their lives, they rushed right in and fought the fire fiend hand to hand, wherever the flames broke forth. They finally conquered the flames, and at 12:55 the tap of the Central bell denoted that their work was over.

The house is completely gutted, and nothing is left of it but the side walls, the roof and partitions being burned in such a manner that they are utterly worthless. The family seem to take their misfortune very cheerfully and consider their loss a small matter, compared with the inconvenience of being temporarily homeless.

LOSS AND INSURANCE.

There is an insurance of $5,000 on the dwelling and of $2,000 on the furniture, which last is not sufficient to cover the loss.

SPARKS.

No one was in the house but Miss Aquarone and the two young ladies.

The goods saved from the wreck are being stowed away in secure places.

The fire caused more excitement in town than any that has occurred for years.

For a time Fernclift avenue was blocked with wagons, carriages and buggies.

The Bowman family took temporary refuge at the residence of C. A. Phelps.

At first Mr. Bowman could not be found, and did not hear of the fire until about half-past 11 o'clock.

In the absence from the city of Mrs. Bowman, who does not arrive until this evening, no plans have been formed for the future.

The entire fire department wish to thank Mrs. C. A. Phelps for supplying them with hot coffee this morning. Such kindness never goes unnoticed, even in the greatest excitement.

Permit me the use of your columns to express my lasting gratitude to the Fire Department and fellow citizens for the prompt and efficient assistance rendered at the burning of my dwelling.

The absence of Mrs. Bowman and myself, and the efficient kindness received from all render the service one be ever remembered with gratitude.

SAMUEL A. BOWMAN.

BOWLUSVILLE.

BOWLUSVILLE, Dec. 15.—Mr. Hiram Yake and Miss Sallie Karg, both of Moorefield township, will unite in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Karg, Wednesday evening, Dec. 23, at 8 p. m. We extend our congratulations in due time, hoping that they may have many flowers strewn along their pathway while journeying through life.——Miss Manda McBeth, a handsome young lady residing south of Springfield, is in the suburbs, visiting the guest of Mrs. Wm. Frank.——There will be a Sunday school mass meeting at the U. B. chapel Sunday evening, Dec. 20. Good speakers from Springfield will be in attendance to address the audience. A cordial invitation is extended to all.——Rev. Mr. Sanders will hold divine services at the chapel Sunday morning, the 20th inst. at half past 10. Let all come and hear a good sermon.——Capt. S. H. Bowlus left for Springfield Saturday via N. Y. P. & O.——The Victory Sunday school folks contemplate giving a Christmas tree (as it is not fully decided as yet), but whatever the conclusions may be, we will promise to give particulars in due time.——There will be a Christmas tree at the Franklin school house, Christmas eve. Programme extraordinary.——Mrs. George Steinberger and Mrs. A. Holman, returned the 12th inst. from New York, where they have been sojourning with friends and relatives. They report a pleasant time.——Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Young have returned from an extended visit in Baltimore, Md.——Look out for the turkey raffle and hop at Kenton Hill. If you can't get there slide there.——Below we give a good receipt for blasting stone, which is easily worked without much danger if followed according to this receipt: I, the writer, recently had some experience in using dynamite for blasting large stones, generally called niggerheads, which are very destructive to farm implements. For a stone 3 feet deep, same in diameter, use ¼ of the stick of dynamite; it will work successfully pulverized or in the stick; use a drill 12 inches long by 1⅜ of an inch wide at point of bit; drill the hole in the center of the stone 6 inches deep; dig the earth from around the stone so as to expose as much to view as possible, when this is done insert ¼ of the stick of dynamite into the drill hole; cut off a piece of fuse 10 inches long, thus leaving 4 inches to view; place the cap on either end of the fuse; insert the cap to one side of the dynamite that has been placed into the hole; when this is done fill up the hole with fine dry sand; do not tar around the stone when it is loaded; light the fuse with a match or a piece of lime paper, then run for your life; while the fuse is burning you can get a square away, which is a safe distance.——In justice to the supervisors of Moorefield township, we deem it our duty to seize this opportunity and compliment them on this one occasion, by way of the kind treatment which they have for the past few years bestowed upon the property of this township, such implements as plows, scoops, etc. The poverty cannot help noticing them, as some are very conspicuously placed, as some districts plows are stapling in fence corners, in other districts the farmers are using them for fence-stakes. It is ditto with the scoops. If our supervisors would remove those plows and place them at the various crossroads and use them for finger boards, it would be a great benefit to this community.——Miss Serrita Fenton, who has been sojourning here for some weeks past, left recently for her home, near Newtown, Ohio.——Lost—A valuable double-bitted ax on the county line road. Finder will please return to Irvine Click and receive a liberal reward.

URBANA.

URBANA, O., Dec. 15.—A number of commercial drummers living here have organized themselves into a social club, "The Tourists." At the last meeting, at C. B. Oake's residence, the following were elected: President, Howard Turner, jr.; secretary, J. F. Brand; treasurer, C. B. Oakes; finance committee, N. Del. McReynolds, J. Milt. Johnson and John Baker. A committee, consisting of Mrs. Turner, Mrs. McReynolds and Oakes were appointed a committee to arrange a programme for the next meeting, on the 26th, at the residence of Mr. Turner, on East Court street.——Last July Mayor Garson suspended Levi Shyrigh from the police force. The matter lay dormant until the last few meetings of the city council. Last night the council settled the matter by sustaining the mayor's suspension, which leaves Mr. Shyrigh a private citizen. He has been on the police force between thirty and forty years.——Next week the W. A. Brand Post, G. A. R., hold a fair at the Bennett House. The fair will be lighted up by a plant put in by the Western Electric Light Company.

NEW CARLISLE.

NEW CARLISLE, Dec. 15.—This town is large enough to pay a marshal a salary which will justify him to put in all his time caring for the order of the town. A man cannot be expected to do this unless he gets a salary of at least $500 per year, and then he ought to have the other odd jobs which are done by other persons in the town. Manslaughter and mass at sh[illegible] same person. This would get the marshal over town at least once a day. The marshal after getting the above salary, ought to be required to give a bond, both for the proper performance of his duty and the care of all under his charge.——The town council met last night and took the troublesome cisterns off the hands of the contractors. They also passed a resolution to put in more lamps on the streets. A resolution to light and keep those clean that are on the streets would be in order now.——The G. A. R. Post will give a supper next Saturday evening a week.——Hotel arrivals: P. Gale, New York city; John Campbell, Springfield; Chas. Vaughn, West Milton, O.; J. Wemberner, Marion, O.; C. H. Thompson, Zanesville, O.

No mayor's court this afternoon.

Geo. H. Knight and family spent yesterday in Troy.

J. B. Cartmell left for New York last night via the Bee Line.

Chas. Kendrick left for Fort Wayne, Ind., yesterday by the I. B. & W.

Lewis F. Kefauver, of Middletown, Md., is in the city calling on friends.

John Larribee, of the O. & M., and Neil C. Kerr, of the Cincinnati Southern, are in town.

Nine persons were adulthed to membership in the Second Lutheran church last Sunday morning.

The one-year-old child of Aug. Friedling died yesterday of diphtheria. Burial today at 2 o'clock at the German Catholic church.

Walter Granderson, an employe of the Bookwalter shops, suffered a serious accident this morning. A spark from a red hot piece of iron on the anvil flew into his eye.

Officer Nicklas received a letter from the Marshal of Mt. Vernon, yesterday, stating that Bill Richards, a highly unrespected citizen of Springfield, had been sentenced to the O. P. for four years for manslaughter. He gives the Champion City coppers the credit of sending him.

Wife—There! the paper says that the Redwood family, out in the Yosemite Valley, are often seen with trunks forty feet in diameter. Now, don't you ever complain of the size of my trunks again, Richard. These Redwoods aren't much of a family either. I never heard of them.—Tidbits.

The moderation in drinking practiced by their American visitors tells heavily on the profits of the great hotels in London and other cities frequented by them. One proprietor felt that he had good cause for complaint when Mr. Mackay engaged an expensive suite of rooms for six weeks, and yet drank only three shillings and sixpence worth of wine during the time.

Saybrook, Conn., had a jollification recently—its 250th anniversary.

TODAY'S NEWS.

An Anti-Secret Society convention is in session at Columbus.

Thomas M. Finefrock was found dead in his bed at Columbus.

Mrs. Caroline Rosenbush, of Ohio, has been dismissed from the Patent Office.

James A. Meadows, a railroad man, was instantly killed at Columbus by a B. & O. train.

A presidential succession bill and one for the admission of Dakota will occupy much attention in the senate.

John G. Thompson, of Columbus, wishes to be Secretary of Washington Territory, and he is at Washington.

The polygamist, Angus M. Cannon, goes up for six months and pays a fine of $500. The supreme court says so.

Lucy Veitch, a little girl, was accidentally and fatally shot, at Cambridge, by Frank Albright, a 16-year-old boy.

ABOUT HOME.

Wife-beaters are under the ban in Sandusky and Youngstown. The people don't like them.

Sandusky City has a Good Samaritan hospital. Youngstown has one that is quite complete.

Chicken thieves are getting in their work at Xenia by way of making preparation for the holidays.

The Grand Army is to hold a fair at Urbana and it is to be illuminated with the electric light.

The large screw factory at Elyria is run altogether by automatic machines, fed with iron or steel rods.

Steps are being taken by certain citizens to organize a new band in Urbana. Steps will soon be taken by other citizens to move out.

The Young People's Association of Trinity M. E. church, Xenia, surprised the pastor, Rev. D. W. Clark, with a wonderfully life-like picture of himself, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Gatch.

The new library building at Oberlin is now occupied. It is built of sandstone and makes a very handsome appearance. A splendid stone building for recitation rooms and for laboratory purposes is approaching completion.

George Hogan, of Elyria, has a gas well on his premises, which furnishes him sufficient light and heat, (for cooking purposes,) in his large house, in summer but not quite enough in cold weather. Mr. Hagan, with others, has put down a well at Lorain which it is thought will be sufficient to run the brass works.

LONDON.

LONDON, O., Dec. 15.—The board of county commissioners are in session, and are endeavoring to select a site for the erection of a new county jail in accordance with the provisions of a bill passed last winter in the legislature. Senator Durflinger is entitled to a great deal of credit for the enactment of this law, as Madison county is very much in need of a new jail. The present jail is located underneath the court-room and is a disgrace to any community.——On Saturday last a tramp named Dott was arrested at South Charleston while endeavoring to dispose of a pair of rubber boots, which he claimed he found on the pike between London and South Charleston. His actions exciting the suspicions of Marshal John Way, of the latter place, he immediately arrested Dott, who confessed that the boots were stolen from the store of Thomas N. Holland, of London. He was taken to Lopdon, where he plead guilty to the charge before Mayor Hamilton, and was fined $10 and committed to jail for the period of ten days. Dott says that he was unable to procure work, and was obliged to steal.——A young man named Melvin, residing near Mechanicsburg, was arrested yesterday, charged with an assault and battery on the person of Tom (Duce) Kaveny. He was fined $10 and costs, and in default thereof he now languishes in durance vile.——The man Turner, who suffered the loss of his leg by falling underneath and being run over by a car on the Little Miami road a few weeks ago, is growing weaker and is expected to live but a short time. On Sunday it became necessary to re-amputate his leg above the knee joint, as gangrene had set in below the knee where it had been previously amputated. His home is in Lancaster, O.——Hamilton Smith, Esq., an attorney of South Charleston, O., was in town yesterday.——Ex-Sheriff William Jones left yesterday for his home in Kansas. He says that Ohio can't be beat and will probably return here in a short time to remain.——P. C. Smith and O. P. Converse are in Columbus today attending United States courts.

MECHANICSBURG.

MECHANICSBURG, Dec. 15.—The suit of John Tway vs. the Machine Company was postponed till January.——The wildcat which has been prowling around Beaver dam has been caught by P. Harper. Harper says it [illegible] most wildcat meat we want to eat.——The High [illegible] Kenton [illegible] this place [illegible] shot on an [illegible] index [illegible] physiology will [illegible] Men celebrated their annual anniversary in an oyster supper last night. Oh what destruction of oysters there was!——Dobbin's Tennessians will give an entertainment here the 22d inst. Their coming will be under the auspicious management of C. C. Jones.——G. W. Newman is lying dangerously ill at this time. His malady is Bright's kidney disease.——Morris & Burnham shipped a double-deck car of hogs yesterday to Cincinnati. Frank Otto, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is town on business.——John Morris, of Springtown, left last night for Mayo, Perry county, where he will spend the winter.——Clover se