

The climate of New York is abating. The Central Park Meteorological observatory has records covering a period of 33 years, and these give strong evidence that the winters are growing milder.

Germany's new military uniform will be grayish brown cloth for coat and trousers and caps. The helmets will be of brown cloth and will have the brass spikes. The shining buttons, buckles and ornaments will be gone away with.

A thirty-two story building is to be erected at the southeastern corner of Broadway and Thirty-third street, New York. The lot is 118 feet 6 inches wide on Broadway and 97 feet 7 1/2 inches deep on Thirty-third street. It will be the highest building in the city.

Philadelphia capitalists now propose to employ water-power instead of steam in the production of electricity. The plan provides for the use of some river which may be dammed, and the Susquehanna, the Patapsco, the Delaware and the Schuylkill have all been suggested. Electric power will be carried on heavy copper cables to Philadelphia and other cities.

The uninitiated generally have a fond delusion that a dozen means twice things, but in trade the dozen varies greatly. In the Staffordshire potteries, for instance, a dozen represents that number of articles which can be offered for any fixed price; thus the dozen varies, the price is constant. Plates are among the comparatively few articles which in that trade are sold in dozens of twelve, and some things are sold in dozens of sixty, seventy and eighty.

Of the thirty-nine ruling princes in Europe twenty have no direct male heir. They include, among German princes, the King of Saxony, Bavaria and Wurtemberg, Grand Dukes of Saxe Weimar, of Mecklenburg Schwerin and of Hesse, the Duke Saxe Altenburg and Saxe Coburg and Princes of Lippe and both Schwarzburg. Besides these there are the Czar of Russia, the Emperor of Austria, the Kings of Italy, Spain, Belgium and Serbia and the Prince of Liechtenstein.

A novel cure for the toothache was inadvertently applied by Dr. Farmer, at Tremont, N. Y. A man suffering from a raging tooth called at the dentist's house at night, forgot to ring the bell, found the outer door open, entered the hall, unintentionally stepped on a burglar alarm, and thus brought the dentist to the dark hall with a pistol in his hand. The dentist threatened to shoot, and the visitor was so terrified that the ache departed from his chattering teeth.

A will recently filed for probate in Washington, D. C., brings to light an interesting bit of history. After serving as a gunner in the Crimean war and being personally rewarded by Queen Victoria with a medal for his bravery on the field of battle, George Collins deserted from the British army and came to the United States. During the Diamond Jubilee celebration of the Queen, he petitioned the throne for a pardon for desertion and on account of his own explanation and his past bravery his request was granted and a full pardon was issued under the imperial signature.

The wisest words spoken in a recent meeting of young New Yorkers, which was addressed by three conspicuous millionaires, were uttered by Mr. Colgate Hoyt. "Business founded on friendship is friendship endangered," said he, "but friendship founded on business is friendship assured." Half of the proposition, that fair dealing wins good will, would be assented to by everybody. But many men have had to learn by sad experience that nothing so surely transforms a friend into an enemy as the suspicion that he is viewed and used as a sort of commercial convenience.

It is rather surprising to learn that our modern cup defenders sail no faster than a vessel of about the same size built in 1803. That statement, however, is made by a noted naval architect of Boston. He declares that the famous Salem privateer America, of the war of 1812, sailed faster on her best point—with the wind on the quarter—than any of the crack racing yachts of today. Her log shows that she frequently made thirteen knots with the burden of a warship, while the best speed of the cup defenders of today is little better than fourteen knots in racing trim. It is an interesting fact that the architect in question, a lineal descendant of one of the builders of the privateer, is himself designing a boat to defend the cup this year. He does not expect to surpass his ancestor.

Charles Day, of Marshall, Mich., was sitting in a barber shop getting a haircut when the idea struck him that it would be real funny to touch the barber's hand with the lighted end of his cigarette and see him jump. He did so and the results were surprising. The barber was just rubbing some bay rum on Day's head and the cigarette ignited the alcoholic mixture, which blazed up like a torchlight procession. In four seconds there wasn't a hair left on Day's cranium and he has sworn off on practical jokes.

DEED OF A MANIAC

WOMAN KILLS HER SIX CHILDREN AND ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

After Taking the Lives of the Children the Blood-Drenched Bodies Were Placed Upon Two Beds, Then the Mother Laid Down Beside Them and Cut Her Throat With a Razor—When Found She Was Much Weakened by Loss of Blood, but Will Probably Recover.

Cold Brook, Mass., March 23.—Mrs. Lizzie Naramore, while in a fit of insanity yesterday afternoon killed her six children at her home, half a mile from this village and then tried to take her own life. The children ranged from ten years to a babe of ten months old, and their lives were taken by the mother with an axe and a club. She laid the blood-drenched bodies on the beds, two on one bed and the other four on a bed in another room and then attempted to take her own life by cutting her throat with a razor.

When discovered she was in the bed on which the bodies of four children were lying. Although she cut a deep gash in her throat and suffered the loss of much blood, it is believed she will recover. Frank Naramore, the husband and father, left his home at the usual hour yesterday morning to go to work at a saw mill and at that time his wife did not attract his attention by acting strangely. It is supposed the crime was committed shortly after noon, the discovery being made by George Thrasher, an employe of a grocery store, who visited the Naramore house at about 2:45 for the purpose of delivering groceries that had previously been ordered by Mrs. Naramore. He was unable to get in the house by the door and he looked in a window and noticed

blood on the floor. While Mrs. Naramore was lying on a bed. He was surprised also at the absence of the children, whom he was accustomed to see playing about the house. He returned to the village and told of what he had seen. A party was made up and a hasty visit made to the Naramore house. An entrance was effected without delay and the mutilated bodies of the six children in two beds were found. Mrs. Naramore was alive but very weak. She was removed to the village hotel and at a late hour the attending physicians were confident that she would survive. Five of the children were killed by being struck on the back of the head by the back of an axe, while the baby was killed with a club. Mrs. Naramore says she fully expected the gash in her throat would cause her death, and that when her husband returned at night he would find all of the bodies in the two beds. She appeared rational last evening, but displayed no signs of sorrow for the deed she had committed, although she is unable to give any reason for killing the children.

When Mr. Naramore reached the house he was prostrated with grief by the loss of his family.

KILLED HIS THREE CHILDREN.

Dependent Father Evidently Develops a Streak of Insanity. Clinton, Me., March 23.—Jacob Dearborn Marr, a farmer living eight miles from here, killed his three children, Alice M., aged 13; Edwin, aged 9, and Helen, aged 7, with an axe shortly after the family had arisen from the dinner table. Mr. Marr had been dependent for some time, but his actions were not such as to make his wife believe that he had any serious trouble to brood over. The eldest daughter was washing dishes when her father went by her to the shed and got an axe. He came back into the kitchen and struck the girl a single blow on the head, killing her. Mrs. Marr saw this and ran screaming to the house of her husband's father, Samuel Marr. The husband apparently walked up stairs to where the younger children were playing and dealt each a single blow with the axe, killing them both. When Mr. Marr, Sr., came in the younger Marr was washing his hands at the sink. He was asked why he had done the deed, and said: "I don't know." Later in the day he was placed under arrest and taken to Waterville.

GOULD WEALTH.

It Has Had Phenomenal Increase Despite Castellane's Efforts to Dissuade It. New York, March 23.—The Gould fortune, it is estimated, has increased from \$75,000,000, the amount left by Jay Gould, to \$115,000,000. This increase is based on the rise in the value of the Gould stocks. The rise has been greatest in Missouri Pacifics, which, valued on Jan. 1 at 71, has recently passed par to 100 7/8. Texas Pacific in this period has increased from 25 to 32, Manhattan from 115 to 127, St. Louis Western from 45 to 63, Wabash preferred from 25 to 35 and Western Union from 52 to 53.

BELONGED TO GOD.

Eccentric Woman's Reason for Not Accepting Payment for Oil on Her Land. Columbus, Ohio, March 23.—Rebecca Blakesley, an eccentric maid living near Findlay, has been prevailed upon after long refusal to accept a share of the royalties for oil taken out of land in which she had an interest. The amount due her had accumulated until it exceeded \$10,000. She contended that the oil belonged to God and not to her.

FEARS FOR CZAR'S SAFETY.

Even Members of the Imperial Household Are Suspected. Cologne, March 23.—The Koelnische Volkszeitung prints a letter from St. Petersburg declaring that the police who are entrusted with the safety of the czar do not trust all the members of the imperial household. The correspondent asserts that there is great socialist activity in Warsaw. Many arrests have been made and the prisons are overflowing. Large quantities of revolutionary pamphlets and proclamations have been seized.

ROW DECLARED OFF.

England and Russia Agree to Withdraw Their Troops.

London, March 23.—In the house of lords yesterday the foreign secretary, Lord Lansdowne, announced that Russia and Great Britain had agreed to withdraw their troops from the disputed territory at Tien-tsin and reserve the question of title and proprietary rights for subsequent examination.

Pekin, March 23.—Count von Walderssee, Gen. Barrow and Gen. Wogack have been in consultation and Gen. Wogack has agreed to withdraw the Russian troops from the disputed ground at Tien-tsin provided the British also withdraw. He insisted also upon a guarantee that work on the railway siding should not proceed until the matter had been diplomatically adjusted. This proposal and stipulation was satisfactory to Gen. Barrow and was accepted by him. Consequently the British and Russian troops will be withdrawn at 5 o'clock this morning, thereby avoiding all trouble at present. Orders have been issued, however, that no British officer shall leave, or even "sleep out" at night, or go to dinner without furnishing his address to the adjutant. The adjutant will return to the ships. Admiral Seymour objects to any of the Australian naval brigade who volunteered for service on the railway, remaining. The military authorities say he does not understand the situation, that his interference is uncalled for, and that the Australian marines are just the men needed. The Russians have ordered a regiment to proceed from Port Arthur to Tien-tsin. The arrangements made by Gen. Bailoud, the French commander, are regarded as completely satisfactory and all danger of a collision between the British and French is considered obviated.

CANNIBALISM IN SHENSI.

Pekin, March 23.—A Chinese official who has reached here from Singan-fu says the famine in the province of Shensi is something terrible. The roots and bark of trees have all been devoured and cannibalism is common. One woman was recently sold for a pound of beef. Meantime the court is feasting and merrymaking and boasting of their safety at Singan-fu on account of its natural defenses. Emperor Kwang Hsu, this Chinese official says, is very impatient to return to Peking, and declares that if necessary, he will start alone. The ministers are resisting this idea to the utmost. The officials who are with the court have submitted more than 200 memorials to the emperor impeaching Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching for their conduct of the peace negotiations. The emperor has torn up every one of these memorials. Wang Wen Shoo is the only minister who sympathizes with the emperor and enjoys his confidence.

DEMANDED BY BOERS.

Under Certain Conditions They Would Accept Annexation. London, March 23.—A correspondent of the Times who is near Bloemfontein gives a report that Gen. Dewet, Gen. Botha and two other Boer commanders, addressing a force of burghers at Senekal Sunday, said they were still able to continue the war, but were ready to accept annexation on condition that the British would guarantee joint education in Dutch and English, liberty to retain sporting rifles on license, indemnity to the amount of £3,000,000 for burned farms, no franchises for natives and amnesty for all belligerents still in the field. Gen. Dewet, according to the correspondent, has gone north to the Transvaal, after ordering a suspension of active operations until his return.

EXECUTION OF GEN. FRENCH.

Rumor Is Absolutely Discredited in London. Antwerp, March 23.—A rumor is in circulation here which is not generally credited, to the effect that the Boers, after capturing, then liberating and subsequently recapturing Gen. French, finally executed him for not keeping a promise not to fight against them again.

London, March 23.—The Antwerp rumor of the execution of Gen. French by the Boers is absolutely discredited in London.

TRANSVAAL COUNCIL.

Officials Appointed by the Governor of the Annexed Territory. Johannesburg, March 23.—The new Transvaal executive council, appointed by Sir Alfred Milner, governor of the Transvaal and Orange River colonies, is as follows: George V. Filds, secretary of administration; Mr. Duncan Solomon, attorney general; Sir Geoffrey Y. Lagden, commissioner of natives, and Mr. Wyberg, commissioner of mines.

HITCHCOCK STAYS.

Report of Wolcott as His Successor Is Denied. Washington, March 23.—It is stated on high authority that former Senator Wolcott of Colorado is not to succeed Secretary Hitchcock as the head of the interior department. Secretary Hitchcock said: "So far as I am aware, there is absolutely no foundation for the story."

STEAMER CASTONIA BURNED.

Recent Arrival From Australia Damaged to Extent of \$50,000. New York, March 23.—Fire burned out the interior of the steamship Castonia at the pier in Brooklyn. Loss, \$50,000. The Castonia arrived from Australia a week ago with a general cargo.

Payroll Retched Members.

Berlin, March 23.—The reichstag commission appointed to consider the subject, has resolved to grant to members of the reichstag traveling expenses and a daily allowance during sessions. The resolution will be passed to-day.

Passengers Injured.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 23.—A car on the Anderson & Indianapolis interurban line jumped the track at Summitville while running at high speed. Six of the fifty passengers and Motor-man Trueblood were badly injured.

THE MARKETS.

Latest Quotations From Grain and Live Stock Markets.

St. Paul, March 23.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 74 1/2-75; No. 2 Northern, 70 1/2-71 1/2; Corn—No. 3 yellow, 33 1/2-34; No. 3, 33 1/2-34; Oats—No. 3 white, 27 1/2-28; No. 3, 27 1/2-28 1/2.

Minneapolis, March 23.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 76 3/4-80; No. 1 Northern, 74 1/2-78; No. 2 Northern, 69 1/2-71 1/2; Corn—No. 3 yellow, 33 1/2-34; No. 3, 33 1/2-34; Barley—Feed grades, 41-45; malting grades, 46-52; Rye, 48-48 1/2.

Duluth, March 23.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 76 3/4-80; No. 1 Northern, 74 1/2-78; No. 2 Northern, 68 1/2-70 1/2; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 77 1/2-80; No. 1 Northern, 75-80; July, No. 1 Northern, 75-80; No. 2, 23-42; rye, 50-54; barley, 35-40; flax, to arrive and cash, 11.55-12; May, 11.60-12; September, 11.12-13; corn, 33-34; May, 39 1/4-40.

Chicago, March 23.—Cash Wheat—No. 2 red, 75 @ 77 1/2; No. 3 red, 72 @ 74 1/2; No. 2 hard winter, 73 1/2-74 1/2; No. 3 hard winter, 70 1/2-73; No. 1 Northern spring, 76 1/2-78; No. 2 Northern spring, 77 1/2-79; No. 3 spring, 68 1/2-71 1/2; Corn—No. 2, 40 @ 41 1/2; No. 3, 39 1/2-39 3/4; Oats—No. 2, 25 1/2-26; No. 3, 25 1/2-25 3/4.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 23.—Flour is lower. Wheat flour, No. 1 Northern, 76 1/2-77 1/2; No. 2 Northern, 72 1/2-73 1/2; Rye flour, No. 1, 53 1/2-54; Barley higher; No. 2, 52 1/2-53; sample, 49 @ 50c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 28 @ 28 1/2.

St. Louis City, Iowa, March 23.—Cattle—Beeves, \$4 @ 4.60; cows, bulls and mixed, \$2 @ 4; stockers and feeders, \$3.25 @ 4.25; calves and yearlings, \$3 @ 4.25. Hogs, \$5.70 @ 5.80; bulk, \$5.72-5.80 @ 5.75.

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South St. Paul, March 23.—Cattle—Good to choice butcher steers, \$4.50 @ 4.90; fair to good, \$3.75 @ 4.25; common to fair, \$3.25 @ 3.60; good to choice butcher cows and heifers, \$3.40 @ 3.80; fair to good, \$2.35 @ 2.75; thin cows and canners, \$1.50 @ 2.25; good to choice corned beefs, \$3 @ 3.60; bologna hams, \$2 @ 2.75; good to choice veals, \$4.50 @ 5.75; fair to good, \$3.50 @ 4.50; good to choice feeders, \$3.25 @ 3.55; good to choice stock steers, \$3.25 @ 3.50; fair to good, \$2 @ 2.25; common, \$2.25 @ 2.40; good to choice stock heifers, \$2.75 @ 3; fair to good, \$2.50 @ 2.75; good to choice steer calves, \$3.25 @ 3.55; fair to good, \$2 @ 2.25; good to choice heifer calves, \$2.55 @ 3; fair to good, \$2.50 @ 2.75; good to choice milkers and springers, \$3 @ 3.5; fair to good, \$2 @ 2.75; Hogs—Good to choice light, \$5.70 @ 5.85; mixed and butchers, \$5.70 @ 5.87 1/2; good to prime heavy, \$5.75 @ 5.90; common to fair, \$5.65 @ 5.70; rough packers, \$5.50 @ 5.65; pigs and skips, \$4 @ 4.85. Sheep—Good to choice butcher lambs, \$4.50 @ 5; fair to good, \$4.25 @ 4.40; good to choice fat wethers, \$3.60 @ 4.35; fair to good, \$3.25 @ 3.50; fat ewes, \$3.25 @ 3.85; good to choice stock and feeding lambs, \$4 @ 4.25; fair to good, \$3.25 @ 3.75; feeding wethers, \$3.25 @ 3.75; stock and feeding ewes, \$2.75 @ 3.25; thin sheep, \$2 @ 2.25; buck lambs, \$2.75 @ 3; killing bucks, \$2 @ 2.75.

HOSTILE TO TOLSTOI.

Women's Club in New York Thinks His Style is Objectionable. New York, March 23.—The fashionable Electric club has put Count Leo Tolstoi's "The Resurrection" under the ban. It is the custom of the club at each of its bi-monthly meetings, held at Delmonico's, to discuss some book of the hour, preferably a novel. When Mrs. Doris Lyon, the president, announced "Resurrection" for discussion, Mrs. Richard Stearns objected, saying: "Well, if all the ladies feel as I do about that book, I move that they bring in their opinions in sealed envelopes."

Mrs. Richard Henry Savage read an essay arraigning Tolstoi for depicting low life in an objectionable way. She also announced that the book could have been written in half the space and that Tolstoi's attack on the Russian government was not fair.

CARNEGIE ESCAPES.

He Eludes the Horde of Check Hunters at Southampton. London, March 23.—Mr. Carnegie avoided the Southampton check hunters by remaining on the ship until the last moment before the train started, when he jumped into a reserved compartment and started for London before he was recognized by the crowd. To an English interviewer after his arrival in London Mr. Carnegie talked freely concerning the United States Steel corporation, which, he thought, would not affect Great Britain much, one way or the other.

New Hotel for New York.

New York, March 23.—J. W. Gates and his friends intend to erect a hotel that will rival anything of its kind in New York, in magnificence, if not in size. It will cost \$2,000,000, and will be built upon a corner that is valued at something less than \$1,000,000. This hotel will be located on the southeast corner of Fifth avenue and Fifty-second street.

English Steamer on a Reef.

Key West, Fla., March 23.—Capt. Bravo of the steamer Key West, arriving here yesterday, reports a large English steamer ashore on French reef. Wrecking tugs and crews from here have gone to her assistance. No report direct from the steamer has yet been received, and Capt. Bravo could not read her name.

No Naturalization for Japs.

San Francisco, March 23.—County Clerk Deane has refused application of forty Japanese for papers declaring their intention to become citizens. Mr. Deane bases his refusal on a United States court decision which held that Japanese could not become citizens.

Fought a Draw.

New London, Conn., March 23.—Mysterious Billy Smith and Tom Hurley went twenty slow rounds to a draw before 800 spectators last night. The bout was at an age of more than passing interest.

JAPAN VERY SPUNKY

WILL OPPOSE RUSSIA'S ENVOYMENTS IN CHINA.

Relations Between the Mikado's Subjects and the Russians May Shortly Reach the Danger Point—English Foreign Officers Take a Pessimistic View of the Immediate Situation in the East—Japan Would Have the Moral Support of Several of the Powers.

London, March 24.—The foreign office takes a pessimistic view of the immediate situation in the East, in spite of the settlement of the Tien-tsin question, and entertains grave fears that the relations between Japan and Russia may shortly reach the danger point. Judging from information received in various official quarters in London, Japan has confided to at least some of the powers her determination to oppose at all costs any secret agreements made between Russia and China by which the former could secure territorial or other advantages contiguous to Korea. The British government has received no official confirmation that the Japanese fleet is mobilizing, but it would not be surprised to learn that such were the facts. A highly placed British official said: "All Japan wants is a free hand against Russia. This she will get so far as England and Germany are concerned, and I presume, so far as the United States is concerned; although I do not imagine for one moment that any of the powers mentioned would be drawn into a war between Japan and Russia. If Japan sees nothing for it but to fight she would have the moral support of objections committed to paper by at least two other powers against secret treaties with China. That is all, but Japan seems to consider it sufficient to provide against interference."

San Francisco, March 24.—Captains O. F. Butler and J. Stanbridge, United States inspectors of vessels and boilers, have handed down their decision for the responsibility for the wreck of the Rio de Janeiro Feb. 22 at the entrance to the Golden Gate. Their report places the blame for the wreck upon the late Capt. Ward and Pilot Jordan. The pilot being a state officer is not under the jurisdiction of the United States inspectors and they have no power to punish him. The inspectors blame the chief engineer for inattention to his duties and revoke his license as a chief engineer. He had ten white men in his charge consisting of three engineers, three water tenders, three oilers and one storekeeper, and the inspectors are of the opinion that if Chief Engineer Herlihy had called this force on deck to man the boats many more lives would have been saved.

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LICKED UP BY FLAMES.

Greenville, Miss., March 24.—Fire which started yesterday afternoon in the Greenville cotton compress wrought damage to the extent of \$100,000. Hundreds of bales are still burning. The compress building and machinery are damaged to the extent of \$15,000 and are insured for \$25,000. The cotton loss is 1,500 bales, valued at \$70,000, covered by insurance. Fanned by the wind which was blowing a gale, the fire crossed the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley railroad, destroyed New-hope First Baptist church and then swept into Steele's alley, destroying seventeen tenement houses and most of the contents, bringing the total loss up to \$100,000. The tenement houses destroyed were occupied by negroes who carried no insurance on their household goods. Several people were badly burned but none fatally.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Double Accident in a Mine Near Fort Williams, Pa. Winnipeg, March 24.—News has been received here of a fatal accident at the A. I. mine near Fort Williams. While placing a boiler in position at the mine James Hammond and John McGrath were both accidentally killed, being crushed to death by the heavy boiler. James Hammond was one of the best known men in the district. He was one of the pioneer miners and interested in the Hammond reef gold mine which was named after him.

PROMISED HER YEARS AGO.

Honeysucker Sues Estate of Employer for \$26,000 for Damages. Cleveland, Ohio, March 24.—Mrs. Margaret Castle has sued the estate of the late Capt. J. W. Moore for \$26,000, averring that he promised to marry her thirty-three years ago, but failed to keep it. She alleged that the promise was made when she was a school girl fourteen years old. Mrs. Castle recently was Moore's housekeeper.

BUYING MAY RIBS.

Armour Company Is Thought to Be Turning From Pork. Chicago, March 24.—Many traders are of the opinion that the Armour company is selling out its long pork to give its entire attention to a deal in May ribs, which is already causing shorts much anxiety. Credence is given this theory because of heavy buying of May ribs by the Armour company.

Gov. Allen Coming Home.

San Juan, P. R., March 24.—Gov. Allen will sail for the United States the first week in April to confer with President McKinley in regard to Porto Rican affairs, including question of road building and tariff.

Matricide Goes to Prison.

St. Joseph, Mo., March 24.—Thomas J. Ramsey, a merchant at Sabatha, Kan., was given a life sentence for the murder of his aged mother a year ago. The evidence was circumstantial. He protested his innocence.

MILWAUKEE SCORCHED.

Big Piano Factory Completely Wiped Out.

Milwaukee, March 24.—Fire completely wiped out the big piano establishment of William Rohlfing & Sons, on Broadway between Wisconsin and Mason streets, and wrought farther destruction to adjoining property, entailing a loss close onto \$300,000; fully covered by insurance. The fire started in the Rohlfing store, a four-story structure which was heavily stocked with pianos and sheet music. The building and contents were licked up in the space of half an hour and quickly spread to buildings on either side. William Rohlfing & Sons' loss will reach \$250,000. William E. Goodman, plumber, occupying the next building north, lost \$15,000 on his stock, and Ferry & Class and Elmer Grey, architect firms, and William Marantz, tailor, sustained losses aggregating \$25,000. The flames then leaped to the sixth floor of the old insurance building to the south and completely destroyed that floor. The loss on the old insurance building will reach fully \$100,000. Price & Thomas, furniture store, sustained a small loss from water. Carroll & Carroll, lawyers; Benedict & Morsell, patent attorneys and Miss Gray, stenographer, occupying offices on the sixth floor of the old insurance building, sustained small losses. The cause of the fire is unknown.

LOWRY'S DAUGHTER FOUND DEAD.

Police Believe That She Committed Suicide. New York, March 24.—A good-looking woman about thirty years old was found dead yesterday morning in a boarding house at 221 West 124th street. She was known at the boarding house as Mrs. L. B. Robertson, the wife of a Chicago tailor. Dr. Thomas J. Carney, who viewed the body at the Harlem morgue, said that he was almost positive the woman was Mrs. L. R. Robinson, the daughter of Thomas Lowry, the millionaire street railway man of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Dr. Carney said that Mr. Lowry's daughter was in the Glen Springs sanitarium at Watkins Glen, New York, when he was on the house staff there about three years ago. In the room where the woman was found were two vials containing the remains of some dark liquid. The boardinghouse keeper said the bottles had contained bromide of soda and blackberry brandy. The police are inclined to believe that she committed suicide, and Coroner's Physician O'Hanlon will perform an autopsy on the body to-day. When Dr. Carney was examining the body he said he got a perceptible odor of laudanum from the woman's lips.

M'KINLEY IN TWIN CITIES.

President May Change the Itinerary of His Western Trip. Washington, March 24.—President McKinley may change his itinerary any day Chicago a visit during his return from the Pacific. Charles Truax, representing the National Business league, has called upon the president and extended an invitation to visit Chicago. The present plans of the presidential party are to pass overland as far as Duluth, whence the journey east will be continued by the great lakes to Buffalo. It is possible, however, that the president will change his route and come home via St. Paul and Minneapolis, stopping at Chicago and depart for Buffalo via the lakes from there. There is no intention to slight Chicago, and there is every prospect that the invitation will be accepted.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

Penned in the Bedrooms of a Burned House. Davenport, Iowa, March 24.—Two children were burned to death and six other members of his family are in a hospital as a result of the burning of the home of John Holland near Milan, Ill., about five miles from here yesterday morning. The house caught fire from a defective flue and the flames made rapid progress before they were discovered. Holland's father, wife and six children were penned in bedrooms. All jumped from second-story windows but Willie and Edward, aged five and three years. Their bodies are in the ashes of the home. The others were burned and bruised except Holland and a sixteen-year-old son, but will probably recover.

DESERTED HIS CHILDREN.

An Arab Peddler Fails to Return for the Children He Left in Sargent County. Forman, N. D., March 24.—Five months ago a peddler left three children to be boarded at the residence of John Murch, in the northwestern part of Sargent county. The man has not since been heard of. The children are Arabs, aged 10, 8 and 4 years respectively, one being a girl.

FROM A HOT PULLEY.

Elevator Fire From a Peculiar Cause Does Damage. Mayville, N. D., March 24.—The Northwestern elevator at Murray, six miles south of here, burned. The fire caught from a hot pulley chain in the top of the building. There was no protection and the loss is probably total, with a large amount of wheat.

Arrested for Burglary.

Fargo, N. D., March 24.—Ed Lee, who was arrested on the charge of burglarizing a store at Tower City, pleaded guilty. Sentence was postponed till some men whom Lee had formerly worked for could testify as to his character. Lee says he was in a Northern Pacific sand house when the real robbers came along and divided the booty with him to avoid exposure.

Company D Elects Officers.

Zumbrota, Minn., March 24.—Company D, Third regiment, M. N. G., elected officers last evening. The company is in a prosperous condition and arrangements are being made to erect an armory this summer.

Fergus Falls Grocery Fire.

Fergus Falls, Minn., March 24.—Wheeler Holmes' grocery store was totally destroyed by fire. Total loss about \$2,000; insurance, \$1,400. The fire apparently originated from a defective chimney.