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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE English Government will arm the fast ocean steamers and draft two thousand men immediately for regiments serving in India.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN, the pugilist, is superstitious on the subject of white specks on his finger nails. He digs them out with his penknife, regardless of pain.

A NUREMBERG chemist says that paste made of starch, glycerine and gypsum, will retain its plasticity and adhesiveness longer than any other cement.

A MAIDEN lady, over eighty years of age, in Stratford, Conn., is preparing to get married. She is evidently one of those who believe that while there's life there's hope.

MISS ADDIE KURTZ is the deputy sheriff of Franklin County, Pa., and she recently escorted seven male prisoners from the county jail to the penitentiary at Philadelphia.

STANLEY HUNTLEY, the brilliant humorist, whose "Spoopendyke" papers have given him a national reputation, is lying at the point of death. His malady is bright's disease.

PITTSBURGH is agitating the question of removing house-top signs and swinging signs over the streets. A young lady was killed and another injured by the falling of a sign, a few days ago.

PROF. S. M. BROOKS, aeronaut, will complete at Burlington, Conn., next month, a large balloon that will lift a ton, and will use it for scientific purposes, taking photographs from great heights, etc.

SAMUEL, William and Charles Robinson, each asserted to be seven feet eleven inches tall, with four sisters averaging six feet two inches, make up the family of the highest standing in Knoxville, Ia.

A PROFESSIONAL athlete says there is a great knack in climbing stairs easily. His advice is: "Do not lean forward. Do not hurry. Do not spring from stair to stair. Step firmly, leisurely, and keep erect."

THE latest craze among young ladies is the collection of military buttons. One young Miss of the Astor family has received a string of these in which nearly every Government in the world is represented.

THE Mahdi began marrying when he was sixteen years old, and has kept on doing it until now he has accumulated a collection of thirteen wives, which looks as if the False Prophet found real profit in matrimony.

COFFEE made with distilled water is said to have a greatly improved aroma. It seems that the mineral carbonates in common water render the tannin of the coffee berry soluble, but the drug will not dissolve in distilled water.

WILLIAM PUTNAM ENDICOTT, father of the Secretary of War, lives, at the age of eighty-two, in Salem, Mass., still hale and hearty, following the formula of no spectacles, some tobacco and other things within reasonable bounds.

PROTRACTED drought and extensive irrigation in the neighborhood have reduced Tulare Lake in California from a length of forty-two miles and breadth of twenty-two miles to a length of twenty-two miles and a width of fourteen miles.

A YOUNG lawyer of Sylvania, Ga., went through that town the other day driving a portion of his first law fee—a yearling steer. The fee consisted of eight dollars in money, a stack of fodder, a silver watch, an old sow and the yearling.

A BILL has been passed by the Nevada Assembly imposing a fine of $20 on any person who treats another in a saloon. The bill does not prevent any number of persons from going into a saloon and drinking together, but requires that each man shall pay for his own drink.

WHEN a baby begins to ask questions wise men take their departure. A "two-year-old" can run the profoundest scholar to ground in ten minutes. One of them recently examined the eyes of its sister and asked, "Mamma, where does the Lord get his blue dust from?"

SMALL feet being the subject of a controversy in New York, a venerable participant writes to the New York *World*: "I have the smallest feet in New York of any grown lady, pronounced so by my shoemaker. I wear No. 12, children's size, and I am a grandmother."

MRS. W. T. SMITH, of New Haven, Conn., wrote President Cleveland's inaugural message, 1,688 words, on a postal-card in two and a half hours. She sent it to Mr. Cleveland, with a request for his autograph, and he has returned it with his signature across the center of the card.

OCEAN steamers will be kept busy, even if cholera somewhat diminishes the number of summer tourists, for a great many soldiers must be shipped this season. France is now unable to obtain the transports required for the prompt reinforcement of her army in China.

THE oldest bank note probably in existence in Europe is one preserved in the Asiatic museum at St. Petersburg. It dates from the year 1399 B. C., and was issued by the Chinese government. It can be proved from Chinese chroniclers that, as early as 2697 B. C. bank notes were current in China under the name of "flying money."

A SCHENECTADY paper tells a sad story of how two lives were blasted last summer by a fly's misstep. A couple were married several years ago, and lived happily until one morning, when a fly fell into the wife's coffee. It was scooped out by her husband and accidentally tossed upon her plate She became angry and left the house. The separation is final.

IN the town of Warwick, in Rhode Island, is a bowlder so poised on another rock that a person standing on it can rock it from side to side. When it is rocked a dull booming sound is given out which can be heard for miles over the country on a still night. A legend says that in this manner the Indians were accustomed to summon their warriors to council at this place.

A STRANGE sight was presented in the streets of Tucson, Arizona, recently. A woman appeared carrying a child's empty coffin on her shoulder, followed by a lot of little girls. Later the scene was reversed, and the coffin was borne by four little girls, followed by several women. It is no uncommon sight to see a coffin borne to the grave on the shoulders of a man, but a woman rendering the service was a novel spectacle.

SIR JOHN MCDONALD, Premier of Canada, once paid the rebellious Riel $3,000 to keep quiet. This time it will cost far more than that to suppress the fellow.

THERE are about 125 German recruits in the Chinese army, all of whom have been compelled to adopt Chinese names, such as Wang Li Triang, or The Great Wall. The pay of these recruits is very high, ranging from $200 to $300 a month, and in addition the Chinese Government has promised to pay to the representatives of any German who may be killed in action the sum of $6,000. Recruits are also called for in the Chinese navy, the inducements being an annual salary of $3,600 and a life policy for a large amount.

THE tower of the new city building at Philadelphia will be higher than the Washington monument.

THE WHEAT CROP.

Extensive Reduction in the Area of Winter Wheat.

The Present Condition of the Crop Worse Than in 1883.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—The returns of April to the Department of Agriculture indicate a reduction of over 10 per cent. of last year's area in winter wheat. The aggregate shortage amounts to 3,000,000 acres. A decrease is reported in every State except Oregon. It is 22 per cent. in Kansas and Virginia; 20, in Mississippi; 15, in California; 14, in Alabama; 12, in Tennessee, Illinois and Missouri; 11, in New York and North Carolina; 10, in New Jersey, West Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana; 7, in Georgia and Ohio; 5, in Pennsylvania and Delaware; 5, in Michigan; 3, in Arkansas, and 2 in South Carolina. The present condition of wheat, as reported, is worse than in 1883. It is 77 per cent., against 96 last year and 80 in 1883. In 1881, the year of lowest recent rate of yield, the condition April 1 was 85, and serious loss was sustained afterward. The real status of the crop will be better shown a month hence, when the vitality of the roots has been demonstrated and the character of the spring determined. On the present showing the reduction of the yield, on the basis of last year's reduction, promises to be 40,000,000 bushels, on account of reduced area, and more than 60,000,000 from winter killing and low vitality. Whether the crop will exceed 400,000,000 bushels or fall short of it depends upon the reliability of present appearances and on future conditions affecting growth and ripening. The soil was in bad condition at the time of seeding on the Atlantic Coast from New Jersey to Georgia and in West Virginia and Tennessee. It was better in the Southwest and in Missouri, Illinois and Michigan. In the Ohio Valley it was scarcely in a medium condition. Damage by the Hessian fly was not severe, though worst in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas, where injuries have occurred in three-tenths of the reported territory. The acreage of rye has been decreased in about the same proportion as wheat, but the condition of the crop is decidedly better, the average being eighty-seven per cent.

Wheat Crop in Illinois.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., April 10.—The late reports to the Illinois Department of Agriculture leave no room for doubting that the growing crop has been seriously damaged by the protracted cold dry weather in March. In some localities the reporters assert that the wheat was damaged in January, when the ground was bare of snow, and the plant was exposed to the extreme low temperature that prevailed during that period. The tables published to-day show that the April condition of winter wheat in Illinois has not been more unfavorable for years than this season. The tables have been compiled from the reports of nearly six hundred experienced correspondents of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, who are so distributed throughout the State as to enable them to examine the condition of the growing crop in each locality. The average condition of the growing crop April 1 is estimated to be about fifty-two per cent. of an average crop.

Suicides.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Prof. Jules E. Loiseau, Instructor of French in the Columbia College School of Mines, committed suicide at his home in the village of Woodside, L. I., at noon to-day. Cause not known.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., April 10.—Colonel S. C. Mower, one of the proprietors of the Sunday *Telegraph*, committed suicide late this afternoon by shooting. Mr. Mower was favorably known in the military circles of Wisconsin. No cause can be assigned for his act.

PITTSBURGH, PA., April 10.—This morning about 8 o'clock A. V. Arnold, a wealthy lumber merchant, of Wilkinsburgh, Pa., committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. His health and business depression was the cause.

ROCKFORD, ILL., April 10.—Miss Carrie Brown, daughter of Mr. Horace Brown, of this city, left a note pinned to her chamber door and threw herself into the river last night. The note is addressed to the "Dear ones at home," and states that in consequence of a fall she had in Philadelphia her mind has become affected and she believes she will go mad. She thinks that it is God's will that she should put an end to herself. Another letter was left for her affianced husband, Fred W. Lee, of Des Moines, Iowa. The body has not been recovered, but her shawl was found on the river bank.

England and Russia.

LONDON, April 10.—The press unanimously declare that it is England's imperative duty to fight unless Russia recalls General Komaroff and disowns his action in attacking the Afghans.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 10.—The morning newspapers throughout Russia, with very few exceptions, in commenting on the recent battle between the Russians and Afghans on the Kooshik River, are very bellicose in their utterances, and charge Earl Dufferin, Viceroy of India, and Sir Peter Lumsden, the British Commissioner, with provoking the war by advising the Afghans to advance on Puli-Khisti, which the British officials knew was part of the Russian territory. The Afghans, they say, also fully understood that Puli-Khisti was Russian territory, and would never have attempted to advance their pickets to that point unless strongly urged to do so by the British officials. The war party fully endorse the assertions of the newspapers, and are very pugnacious over the affair.

A Remarkable Fast

FORT PLAIN, N. Y., April 10.—Kate Smusley died yesterday. She had been lying in a comatose condition for several days, otherwise there was no change from her general condition. Death had been expected at any time, but she gave no indications of it until the last moment. She had kept up her courage from mere will power in the hope of recovery. There is no doubt that from the 11th day of March, 1884, till the day before Thanksgiving last, she did not eat anything. Upon that day she experienced a peculiar sensation like the breaking away of something in her stomach, and since then she has been able to take a little nourishment in the shape of wine of whey. She was very much emaciated and weighed scarcely twenty-five pounds.

General Barrios' Death Confirmed.

LA LIBERTAD, VIA GALVESTON, April 10.—News confirmatory of the reported death of President Barrios continues to reach this point. The latest received brings intelligence of the installation of a successor to Barrios, and gives the names of some of the Cabinet officers. The new President is General Manuel Lizandro Barillos, one of the two Vice Presidents or Designados. Dr. A. M. Arroyo, who has been the President of the Legislature, becomes Minister of Foreign Affairs. M. S. Dardon, who has been the President of the Supreme Court, becomes Minister of War, and Martinez Sobralios is made Minister of the Interior.

Fewer Failures Occurring.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The business failures occurring throughout the country during the past seven days, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., number, for the United States, 189, and for Canada 23, or a total of 212, with a total of 236 last week and 277 the week previous to the last, showing a steady decrease. Failures are lessening in all sections of the country except the South. In New York City the assignments are few and unimportant.

Snow-Storm in Virginia.

PETERSBURG, VA., April 10.—A heavy snow-storm set in early this morning, and the snow is still falling rapidly

WAR IT IS.

Bloody Battle Between Afghans and Russians at the River Kooshik.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 9.—The official *Messenger* publishes the following this morning: "General Komeroff reports that in consequence of hostile manifestations by the Afghans he was compelled to attack them. The Afghans were posted upon both banks of the river Kooshik, in fortified positions. The fight occurred on the 30th of last month. The Afghan force consisted of 4,000 men, with eight guns. They were defeated with—a loss of 500. All the artillery, two standards of banners and the entire camp outfit and all provisions of the Afghans were captured. The Russian loss was three subalterns and ten soldiers killed and twenty-nine wounded. When the fighting ended General Komaroff returned across the river to the positions he had formerly occupied. General Komaroff also reports that some British officers, who had been eye witnesses but not participants in the engagement, appealed to the Russians for protection when they saw that the Afghans were beaten. But unfortunately, he says, a convoy which he immediately dispatched to the relief of these officers was unable to overtake the Afghan cavalry, who carried the British away with them in their flight.

LONDON, April 9.—The news of the engagement on the Afghan frontier between Russians and Afghans has caused great excitement here. The people are incensed at Russia's duplicity in pretending to be anxious for peace, while her object was merely for the purpose of gaining time. The fight on the frontier is generally viewed as the first step by Russia in the long contemplated contest for supremacy in Asia, and that a bloody and desperate war between her and England is inevitable.

FIGHTING REPORTED.

Feeling in German Official Circles That War Between Russia and England is Certain.

LONDON, April 9.—The *Standard* has received a telegram in cipher from a correspondent in Russia, stating that a battle has been fought on the Murghab River, and that it is reported that five hundred men were killed. The dispatch was sent in cipher in order to escape the vigilance of the Russian censors, and the *Standard* therefore refrains from mentioning its source, but says it is entitled to the highest credit. The *Standard* assumes from the origin of the telegram that the Russians were defeated, but is not certain.

BERLIN, April 8.—The belief hitherto entertained in official circles that peace would be maintained between England and Russia, has undergone a distinct change. Dispatches from St. Petersburg say that the Russian war party is getting the upper hand, and that the Czar has agreed to appoint General Gourko and General Kouropotkine to the leading commands in the Afghan campaign in the event of war. Each will lead an army corp of fifty thousand men. General Prince Dondoukoff Korsakoff, the Governor of the Caucasus, takes a staff of military surveyors to Merv to report upon the progress of the massing of the troops and the condition of the commissariat. He will command a third army corps.

A COLORED FIEND.

In His Greed for Gold He Commits a Double Murder, and Tries to Add Two Others to His List of Victims.

ST. LOUIS, MO., April 9.—A bloody crime was committed in Nameski, Ill., just across the river from this city, early this morning. Among the small farmers, a short distance from the town, is a negro named Thomas Williams. His family consisted of his wife and child, and a nephew, about eighteen years of age. Last week a negro, who gave his name as Higgins, called at Williams' house and asked for work. It happened that Williams needed a man at the time, and he engaged Higgins. The latter worked until Tuesday, when he asked for some money in paying the money Williams displayed a small bag which contained considerable silver. Higgins eyed it covetously, and taking his money left the premises. He returned early this morning and was admitted into the house. He was armed with two revolvers, and, placing the muzzle of one against Mrs. Williams, ordered her to give up all the money in the house. She produced nine dollars, but this only enraged the fiend, who ran up to the bed and fired twice, killing the husband. He then turned the pistol against the nephew, and fired twice, both bullets taking effect, and the boy is now lingering on the verge of death. Mrs. Williams ran out the door and was pursued nearly a half mile. Higgins then returned to the house and pillaged it, and tied up Williams' small child, who had been awakened by the firing. He then set the house on fire and left. The blaze was extinguished by the nephew, who dragged himself across the floor and fell fainting after this exertion. Higgins has not yet been arrested.

Miss Packer's Marriage and Income.

BETHLEHEM, PA., April 9.—Miss Mary Packer, the only surviving child of the late Judge Asa Packer, proprietor of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, was married very privately this afternoon to Charles H. Cummings, of New York. The ceremony was performed at the bride's residence in Mauch Chunk. Mrs. Cummings has perhaps the largest annual income of any lady in the United States—about $1,000 a day. Mr. Cummings, starting as a conductor, has worked his way up until he has become the head of the New York end of the enormous business of the road.

Determined Work of Strikers.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Information is received from Lemont to-night to the effect that two hundred of the striking quarrymen from Joliet went there to-day, and, going from quarry to quarry, drove men from work and putting a stop to all work at that point. About nine hundred men altogether were driven out. Details are meager, but do not indicate that any one was killed or seriously hurt. It is understood proprietors of the quarries will ask the Governor to call out the militia.

Destructive Hurricane.

CAPETOWN, April 9.—In a terrible hurricane at Tamatave, Madagascar, on the 25th of February, twelve vessels foundered in the harbor, five French and six native vessels, and the American bark Sarah Hobart.

A Nail in Her Heart.

MOUNT VERNON, O. April 9.—Mr. John R. Wilson, President of the Knox County Agricultural Society, lost a valuable cow a few days ago, which died after a three weeks' illness from an unknown cause. A post mortem examination revealed the fact that a good-sized nail had become imbedded in the animal's heart, but how it got there is a mystery that remains unexplained.

A Detective's Offer.

MONTREAL, April 9.—A Montreal detective has offered to bring in to the Canadian authorities the rebel Louis Riel, either dead or alive, for $10,000.

The Mahdi Whipped.

DONGOLA, April 9.—The Mahdi has been severely defeated at El Obeid. He has made the announcement that he will not attack Dongola until after the fast of the Ramadan, three months hence.

Work of a Jealous Husband.

POPLAR BLUFFS, MO., April 9.—Louis Deny, of this city, instigated by jealousy, shot and killed his wife, and then committed suicide.

Franco-Chinese Affairs

PARIS, April 9.—Government advices from Pekin state that the Chinese Government adheres to the peace preliminaries signed on the 4th inst.

TERRIBLE AFFAIR.

The Horrible Death of a Child From an Attack by a Rabid Spitz.

BALTIMORE, MD., April 8.—An infant child of Mrs. Mary Carroll, a wealthy widow of Washington County, Maryland, whose husband died from hydrophobia a few weeks ago, was killed yesterday and almost completely devoured by the same dog which caused her husband's death. The babe was left alone by Mrs. Carroll at play upon the kitchen floor while she went upstairs to attend to some household duties. The dog, a large-sized spitz, was confined by a chain to a dog-house near the kitchen door. For several days past the animal had been showing signs of madness, and it had been decided to shoot him yesterday afternoon. A few minutes after Mrs. Carroll reached the second floor she was alarmed by hearing the child crying out as if in great pain. Rushing down stairs, Mrs. Carroll was horrified upon discovering her nine-months'-old babe being lacerated by the brute. The dog was shaking the babe as if it was a rat, and the blood was streaming from all parts of its body. Mrs. Carroll ran for assistance. Upon the arrival of neighbors the child was dead, and the dog was found calmly seated by the body feasting on it. One arm had been completely devoured. A shot from a revolver soon dispatched the dog. About four weeks ago the same animal bit Mr. Carroll while the latter was whipping the animal. A week later he was attacked with hydrophobia, and died on Wednesday last. On his death-bed Mr. Carroll requested that the dog should not be killed, and in deference to that request the dog was granted his life, but, as the sequel shows, unfortunately.

Of Removals for Cause.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The attempt to remove Postmaster Palmer, at Rome, N.Y., seems to be beset with difficulties. During the session of the Senate the President nominated a successor to Palmer, removing the latter for cause which was not set forth in a communication to the Senate failed to act upon the nomination, and Palmer, in a letter to the President, takes the ground that inasmuch as the Senate did not confirm the person nominated to succeed him, the President has not the power to remove him. This case is under the Tenure of Office Act, and is important, not that it concerns Palmer, but because it will be a precedent for future action. If the President fails to commission Palmer's successor he will be placed in the attitude of indorsing the view taken by the Postmaster he seeks to remove, and will in point of act confess he has not the power of removal. If, on the other hand, the President does commission Mr. Palmer's successor, it will commit him to a general policy of removal for cause.

Situation in Central America.

PANAMA, April 9. VIA GALVESTON.—Affairs in Panama are improving. The provisional Government is organizing rapidly, and order is being maintained. The Shenandoah landed one hundred men to-day. Although many rumors of a possible tumult when they landed had circulated, there was no disorder. The men guard the wharves, offices and rolling stock of the Panama Railroad Company. A meeting was held yesterday, attended by foreigners and natives to consider the situation. A memorial was adopted declaring that the danger of attack from Buena Ventura and Carthagena made it necessary to declare the State neutral, and calling upon the President to send commissioners to notify the leaders at those points. The opinion is expressed that if further attacks are made from abroad, it will be necessary to declare the State independent, and appeal to the great Powers for protection.

General Grant's Last Rest.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—It seems to be settled that General Grant is to be buried in this city. General Sheridan, his companion in arms and personal friend, has made many suggestions as to his last resting place. It was at first proposed that the soil of Arlington should have the honor of covering his body. But Arlington is in a State. The crypt of the Capitol has also been suggested. Some are in favor of the Congressional Cemetery. A tomb under the Washington Monument has been spoken of; also a burial in the White House lot, where a monument in full view of and near the Washington Monument would be erected. Of all the places mentioned the Soldiers' Home and the Capitol crypt have received the most favor, and the Soldiers' Home is much more favorably spoken of than the crypt.

Hail to the Prince!

DUBLIN, April 8.—The Prince and Princess of Wales and their eldest son, Victor, arrived last night. This morning Earl Spencer, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, received the Prince and his party, and the Town Commission presented an address of welcome. The crowd, which numbered thousands, kept up a continuous cheering during the reception, and cheered loud and long as the royal guests proceeded to Dublin. They arrived at Dublin at 2 o'clock, and were accorded a splendid reception. The houses on both sides of the avenue were handsomely decorated.

Ben. Butler Sued for $15,000.

BOSTON, MASS., April 8.—A suit has been brought in the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County by the National Soldiers' Home for disabled volunteer soldiers against Benjamin F. Butler to recover $15,000 alleged to be due for failure to account while acting Treasurer of the Home. The ad damnum of the writ is $20,000. It was entered at the present April term of the court.

Ex-Governor Fletcher's Return.

ST. LOUIS, MO., April 8.—Ex-Governor Fletcher arrived home this morning, and received the congratulations of his frends. He confirms the telegraphed explanation of his sudden departure and his failure to notify his family, and swears he will never again trust to a third party in a matter so greatly affecting the peace of his household.

A Murderous Editor.

KANSAS CITY, MO., April 8.—Thomas Edwards, propietor of *The Life*, a small sheet published in Kansas City, Kas., shot James Costello, a workingman, this evening in a political quarrel. Edwards had published a cartoon reflecting upon a friend of Costello. The wounded man is in a dying condition.

Polygamists Treated Leniently.

PHŒNIX, ARIZONA, April 8.—The Mormon Bishop Stewart and Elder C. J. Robinson, indicted for polygamy, were permitted to plead guilty to the lesser count in the indictment—unlawful cohabitation. The Judge then sentenced them to ninety days in the Territorial Penitentiary.

Postmasters Commissioned.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Mr. Vilas is gradually filling up the small post-offices, where vacancies occur, with Democrats. Forty were commissioned to-day. These are offices below the Presidential grade. One-fifth of them were women.

A Chicago Man Robbed of $5,000.

PITTSBURGH, April 8.—Thos. McClintock, of No. 18 Willard Place, Chicago, en route home last night was robbed on the train of nearly $5,000 in cash and notes. When the train stopped at Allegheny City, three passengers jostled him, and after they left the cars he discovered his loss.

A Cowboy Vanquishes Dr. Carver.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., April 8.—A match pigeon shoot between Dr. Carver and A. H. Penrose, the San Angelo cowboy, for $500 a side, one hundred birds, thirty yards rise, came off to-day. Penrose won by a score of ninety to eighty-one. Every bird of the two hundred was hit.

A TIGRESS AT LARGE.

Close Call For a Child and a Butcher.

The Animal Running Loose on the Streets of Chicago.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 12.—"Komme nicht hirein!" shouted Julius Toeffner, as he slammed the door of his butcher-shop at 770 West Van Buren street in the face of a royal Bengal tigress Saturday forenoon, and then collapsed into a dead faint. The beautiful queen of the Indian jungles placed her huge paws against the door, which refused to yield, sniffed the ham sausages that hung in the window and quietly walked away. The animal belongs to W. H. Harris, proprietor of the Nickel-plate Shows. He lives at No. 223 South Robery street, where two lions, a bear, an elephant and the tigress have been hibernating in a barn on the premises. The animal is one of the largest of her species on the continent. She is possessed of an unusually vicious temper, and is regarded as dangerous. It was about ten o'clock when she escaped from her cage. Her keeper crouched with blanched face and paralyzed muscles behind a stove near by. The elephant bellowed until the hay-seed rattled through the rafters. Passing out the barn door the striped pet trotted off through the alley way. Across Van Buren street sat a child in an unhorsed buggy, playing. The tigress put her paws on the wheel and offered a caress that showed two sets of long, white teeth. The little one screamed, and the animal peacefully ambled off to Mr. Toeffner's meat shop. Repulsed here, she continued her flight to a vacant lot in the rear of a house on Avon place; she prowled about among the tin cans and ash-piles an hour. Excited people scrambled to the top of sheds, stables, fences and houses in the neighborhood. Fully three thousand people crowded about to see the performance. After two hours of meat-throwing and coaxing the royal Bengal entered a wood-shed, into which she was quickly nailed. A hole was sawed through one side of the structure, she stepped lightly into the cage which had been placed opposite the aperture and was again securely confined.

Another Illinois Legislator Dead.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., April 12.—Death has claimed another member of the Illinois Legislature, this time the victim being J. Henry Shaw, of Beardstown, Cass County. About 12:45 o'clock the clerk of the Hotel Palace, missing Representative Shaw at dinner and not having seen him during the morning, went to his room to call him. Receiving no answer, he looked over the transom, and saw him lying as though dead. The door was broken open, and, upon examation, Dr. Kerr, who had been called, gave it as his opinion that the Representative had died several hours. The deceased has been ailing during the whole session, but not so that he could not attend to his duties most of the time. Mr. Shaw was over sixty years of age, and served in the Thirty-second General Assembly, this being his second term. An election will be ordered at once.

Foully Murdered.

INDEPENDENCE, KAN., April 12.—Hiram Foulks, an elderly and eccentric bachelor, of some property, who lived alone on a farm near this place, was murdered, Friday night, by some unknown person, who then stole a horse and escaped. The crime was not discovered until to-day, when Foulks' body was found in a well, and the premises untenanted, except by an old watchdog which had been shot in the leg. Foulks' assailant had shot him in the head, thrown his body into the well, and then ransacked the house. A bag was found concealed on Foulks' person, containing $1,700.

Fish Found Guilty.

NEW YORK, April 12.—The jury in the case of the United States against James D. Fish, President of the Marine National Bank, returned a verdict at 12:22 o'clock this morning. It was that Fish was guilty of misapplication of the funds of the bank of which he was President and Ferdinand Ward was Cashier. There were fourteen counts in the indictment, and on eleven counts he was found guilty. The defendant was present with his attorney, and seemed greatly surprised at the result. He was immediately taken to Ludlow Street Jail, where he occupies the cell recently vacated by "Becky" Jones.

Russia Will Not Yield.

LONDON, April 13.—The Daily *Telegraph's* Berlin dispatch says that General Komaroff has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Russian army in Turkestan, and asserts that Russia refuses to yield an inch of the territory she has occupied on the Afghan frontier, and that the Czar intends to express his approval of General Komaroff's action by appointing him Commander-in-Chief in Turkestan.

Buried Alive.

JOPLIN, MO., April 12.—Yesterday morning, about eleven o'clock, Harry Pierce, a wealthy young man of this community, met with a most horrible death. Pierce, together with several other miners, was engaged in timbering a drift about forty feet from the surface at Hinton & Co.'s mine, and before the ground could be safely secured it commenced to cave, catching young Pierce and burying him alive. The other workmen succeeded in escaping. Men are now trying to rescue the body. Pierce leaves a young wife.

Frightful Accident.

EASTON, PA., April 12.—One of a set of eighteen boilers at the breaker, near Yorktown, Carbon County, exploded last night. Edward Geatins, fireman, was killed, and James Boyle, his assistant, received injuries from which he died this morning. Boyle was found in a reservoir about forty feet from the boiler-house. The lifeless body of Geatins was found twenty feet from the boiler-house. Every particle of clothing was torn from his person, and his face was burned to a crisp.

Earthquake in Andalusia.

MADRID, April 12.—There was an earthquake to-day in Andalusia. Several houses fell, but nobody was injured.

—Nottoway County, Va., the region inhabited by the first settlers, and made interesting by reminiscences of Captain John Smith and Pocahontas, is fast returning to its primeval condition. "In twenty years it will be a wilderness," prophesies a visitor. The residents are old and sad. The young have gone to more promising regions. Deer browse where cattle fed, and the oak and pine cover great plantations where the negro once cultivated corn and tobacco.—*Chicago Herald.*

—One of the cases reported at a recent meeting of the Charity Organization Society in Washington was that of a professional beggar who had two dresses—a begging dress and society dress. Her name appeared in the society column as receiving guests during the inauguration, and she was found to be living handsomely out of the proceeds of alms.

—Fashion the past year has demanded the slaughter of multitudes of birds of bright plumage to deck the bonnets of ladies. It is now stated that the murderous practice is to cease, and flowers, more beautiful and appropriate, are to take the place of the birds' wings.—*Chicago Inter Ocean.*

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

Legislative Proceedings.

COLUMBUS, April 7.—The Legislature resumed business this afternoon. In the House Mr. Myers tendered his resignation as a member of the Committee on Rules, and Mr. Zeigler was appointed to the position. Bills introduced: Requiring township trustees to report agricultural statistics at an earlier date than at present. Authorizing Clermont County to construct a free turnpike. In the Senate the general appropriation bill was read the second time by title and referred to Finance Committee. Mr. Jaeger presented the petition of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union for woman suffrage. Mr. Pruden introduced a bill amending the law so that honorary or contributing members of military organization shall not be exempt from jury duty.

COLUMBUS, April 8.—The Free School-book bill was defeated in the House. The Senate received from the Governor the nomination of James Poindexter and James M. Goodspeed as Trustees of the Ohio University at Athens. Goodspeed was confirmed, but Poindexter's name went to the Committee on Benevolent Institutions. A bill for the sale of the wharf property in Cincinnati passed the Senate. The Senate bill for the incorporation of collateral loan companies passed the House.

COLUMBUS, April 9.—The bill to tax roller-skating rinks was defeated in the House; also the Stillwell oleomargarine bill, and the bill providing that German shall be taught in public schools. The Senate passed a bill amending the present statutes so as to exempt the husband's curtesy from execution during the life of the wife.

COLUMBUS, April 10.—The House passed the bill providing for granite or asphalt pavement for the streets of Cincinnati; also the bill to issue bonds for the various deficiencies, and to create a sinking fund.

Miscellaneous Items.

WM. HAGEMAN committed suicide by hanging himself to a pear tree in the suburbs of Cincinnati.

HERMAN TENBRI was crushed by a "fall" in a coal mine at Bellevue.

LEVI BAYER, of Bellevue, fatally shot Henry A. Tilberry in self-defense.

MRS. VINCHES and Joseph Fisher, held at Canton on the charge of poisoning the former's husband, were released, an examination having revealed no poison in the deceased's stomach.

SHEPHERD SIMMONS, a train hand, was killed by an express train on the C., H. & D. Railroad at Maplewood, near Cincinnati.

MASTER CHARLEY FLOOD, a lad seventeen years old, son of a widow at Lancaster, while walking on top of a fence fell, and died from the injuries received.

MR. AD. R. SEYMOUR, a liveryman of Newark, was kicked by one of his horses and severely injured internally, from which it is feared he may not recover.

DURING the progress of the six-hour race at the Steubenville Skating Rink the other night, one of the girders of the roof cracked, and in a short time the entire roof caved in, and completely wrecked the rink. Fortunately every one present escaped before the crash. The loss will amount to $550.

MRS. LIZZIE HERMAN, of Newark, attempted suicide the other day by jumping into the canal at that place, but was rescued by a passer-by. Her husband, she says, has been cruel to her, and she is nearing confinement. Her parents reside at New Lisbon.

WILLIAM GRADY and a young brother were hunting in the woods west of Patterson. While William was standing on a log he slipped, and in falling the gun was discharged and a heavy load of shot entered his right ear and came out at the top of his head. His brother summoned help and he was conveyed home, where he died. He was unmarried.

APRIL 24 is arbor day.

BLACK measles is epidemic in Fayette County. Five deaths in the family of J. M. Noble.

SIXTEEN-INCH alligator was caught near Lancaster, a few days ago, but will give no account of itself.

NEW LISBON boasts of pretty girls, and insists that the prettiest of the lot never saw the inside of a skating rink.

AUGUST ISLER was injured by a train on the Connotton Railroad at Canton, and will die.

MASKED robbers are causing much annoyance to farmers in the vicinity of Youngstown.

AMOS AILES, chief car inspector in the railroad yards at Alliance was fatally crushed between a car and an engine.

DAVID REDMAN is held for wife murder at Delaware.

CAMBRIDGE elected two colored men on its municipal ticket.

THREE hundred rats were killed at the Ohio pen while tearing down an old shop.

SAMUEL MORRISON and Ephraim Buell, of Mt. Healthy, were arrested, charged with the murder of George Farnsworth, at Greenville.

DAVID FOX, a salesman for H. F. West & Co., of Cincinnati, was accidentally shot and killed at Dayton, while handling a pistol during the packing of his valise.

WM. CLASS, aged fifty-nine, while walking about his house at Akron, the other morning, preparing to go to work, dropped dead. He leaves a wife and five children. Heart disease is the supposed cause.

MICHAEL DEUSCHLE, an aged Cincinnatian, committed suicide by shooting himself, on account of physical and financial troubles.

IT seems as if the fire fiend is roaming the country at his own free will, and applying the incendiary torch wherever his fancy indicates. Hardly had the series of unaccounted-for fires at Norwood ended, until the villages of Marathon and Felicity, in Clermont County, were sufferers by incendiary fires. Next the late family residence of Judge Burgoyne, at Pleasant Ridge, was burned in broad daylight. This residence was unoccupied at the time of the fire. The other night the quiet village of Mason, Warren County, was the scene of a disastrous fire. The barn of Dr. Vorhees was discovered to be on fire, and before assistance could be summoned the flames were beyond control, and the barn, with its contents, including carriages, harness, a large stock of feed and his valuable driving horse, were destroyed. Undoubtedly incendiary.

FREDERICK GREINER, the murderer of Seeling, and convicted at Columbus, was sentenced to be hanged July 24.

COLONEL LEN HARRIS, of Cincinnati, has been elected First Vice President of the Board of Managers of the National Soldiers' Home.

A POSTOFFICE has been established at Hamlet, Clermont County.

MRS. GRANT TURNER was awarded $1,000 by a Common Pleas jury at Cuyahoga Falls, in a suit against the village for injuries received by falling into a hole in a plank sidewalk.

MRS. C. NACK, a Delaware County lunatic in the infirmary, killed her three-months' old child.

POST-OFFICES have been established at Morgan Junction, Guernsey County; Pine Valley, Jefferson County, and Ted, Wood County. The postmasters are, in the order named, C. Doudina, E. J. Vickers and E. J. Rosendale.

JOHN QUANTZ, of Cincinnati, disheartened at his failure to secure employment, committed suicide.

MORTON L. HAWKINS and Julius Reis (Democrats) and Wm. A. Stevens (Republican) were appointed by the Board of Public Works members of the Police Commission of Cincinnati.

THE REFORM ADMINISTRATION.

Evidences That President Cleveland Is Likely to Increase in Popularity.

When Grover Cleveland was nominated to the Presidency as a reform Democrat, the Republicans laughed incredulously, and even some Democrats smiled a little in the retirement of their sleeves. The initial force at the back of the New York Governor's candidacy was a solid one, composed of substantial citizens and business men, who realized the demand of the American people for honest government, and who likewise knew that a Democratic candidate who could be depended upon to carry out reform principles would be sup