A CABINET CAUCUS

By the Wives of the President's Ministers to Formulate Rules for Social Observance.

The Announcement of the Result of Their Deliberations Causes a Veritable Society Blizzard.

Alarmed at the Reception Accorded Their Dictum, They Bulletin a Modification.

Secretary Whitney Spending Nearly Fifty Thousand Dollars on the Frelinghuysen Mansion.

Special Correspondence of the Globe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. — Washington society is all "torn up." Christmas week, which ought to be peaceful and happy and lovely, is full of bickerings and backbittings, and harsh sayings among the ladies. It is truly sad. The storm which has arisen is quite unexpected, too, but rages with more or less violence because of its sudden appearance. It is all about the action of the cabinet ladies last week in regard to returning, or not returning calls. As has been already announced, these ladies held a caucus of their own last week, and decided not to return calls made on them, except dinner calls and evening party attendance. All others, it was announced, were to be recognized by sending cards. To all who called on the cabinet ladies there was, according to this program, to be sent by mail, or otherwise, the card of the lady and two cards of her husband. Just why the husband was to have two cards to his wife's one nobody seems to have found out; but this was the plan announced, that each cabinet lady was to return her Wednesday calls by card, leaving her own card and two of her husband's. This announcement has raised a storm. It is not a breeze, but a downright blizzard. That these people, selected from office by Mr. Cleveland's favor, who have never seen anything of Washington society, should come here and set up a

NEW SOCIAL SCHEME

by which the calls of the families of officials elected to positions of honor and trust, or who have been leaders in Washington society for years, are to be returned by the mere formality of a bit of pasteboard delivered by a liveried flunky is quite too much. It fairly paralyzed the ladies of society and the families of congressmen and others of high social rank. And, come to think of it, it would be just a little cool for the wife of some cabinet officer who has never seen service here to return the call of Mrs. Senator Logan or Mrs. Chief Justice Waite or Mrs. Randall or Mrs. Carlisle and hundreds of others of equal prominence, in this way. The result has been loud complaints, so loud that it has already reached the ears of the ladies themselves, and begins to alarm them. That they are alarmed is evident by a second "official bulletin," which was issued this week, as follows:

There has been a misinterpretation in some quarters of the paragraph relative to a decision made by the cabinet ladies at a recent conference. The ladies intend to fulfil all their social obligations. They will call on the families of the senators and the justices of the supreme court, and will return all other calls in person made before Jan. 1. After that date, when the regular Wednesday receptions begin, considering the unusually large concourse of people that will be in the capitol all winter, it would be a physical impossibility to return all the calls in person. The wives of cabinet officers all have households and their consequent duties. They will entertain many friends from abroad during the winter, and they very wisely decide not to attempt the impossible. The ladies believe that this straightforward method is preferable to that of sending cards to all, and better than attempting to make discriminations which must result disagreeably.

LOOKING FOR RESULTS.

There is a good deal of interest among the lookers on as to what will be the result of this pretty fight thus begun. Mrs. Blaine, it is said, attempted a plan of this sort when her husband became secretary of state, but was knocked out in the first round by the wives of the senators and the supreme court justices, who insist that a cabinet officer is nothing more than a high clerk appointed by the president, and ought not set herself above the wives of those elected to positions or those holding positions for life. Yet there is a good deal to be said on the other side of the question. It is urged that none except those on particularly intimate terms ought to expect ladies, who receive each week on an average 400 calls, to return them in person. It has been a common custom for cabinet ladies to have the business wagons of the department over which their respective husbands presided to deliver cards several times each winter to such persons whose position or close acquaintance did not necessitate a personal visit. No one can reasonably find fault with this. The cabinet ladies last spring, after their series of afternoon receptions, endeavored faithfully to return as many as time would allow, and such of them as left town early sent cards by mail, where they found it impossible to cover their lists.

AN INTERESTING FEATURE

of the week has been the preparations for the annual Christmas club demonstration. This club was organized several winters ago here, and has given Christmas dinners to thousands of poor children as the holidays seasons have rolled round. It is a worthy charity, and made especially popular by the fact that Miss Nellie Arthur, who was at its head, is succeeded by Miss Cleveland at the head of the organization of grown people, and Miss Mollie Vilas at the head of the children's club. This charity, and the numerous home matters of this character have been about the only subjects thought of in the past few days. Society festivities have been very much neglected in the preparations for Christmas day and its home pleasures. The question of the part that Mr. Cleveland is going to take in social matters this season is beginning to be again talked over, as the season proper is at hand. It does not seem probable that he will trouble himself on this score half as much as some other people. Until the custom was broken through by President Andrew Jackson, whose example was followed by President Hayes, Grant and Arthur, the rule of etiquette established and maintained by previous presidents was to accept no invitations of a social character. This rule, it may be assumed, was not adopted with due consideration, whether it was thought that the

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executive of the nation would be better maintained by not mingling with such gatherings, or that by accepting some invitations and declining others it would give rise to jealousies that were better avoided by staying away altogether, the fact remains that for many years etiquette prescribed that all private invitations should be declined. As President Cleveland has refrained from paying any visits since he has been in office it is a fair presumption that he proposes, like his earlier predecessors in office, to devote himself wholly to public business, and while leaving to others the giving of social entertainments and the dispensation of hospitality, limiting his own duties in these respects to such receptions and entertainments at the White house as he may deem incumbent upon him and becoming to his high station. A good deal of interest is felt in Secretary Whitney's work upon the old Frelinghuysen mansion. He is spending, it is said, nearly $50,000 in repairing and refurnishing it. It was a handsome home when the Frelinghuysens had it, but it will be much more so now. The front exterior of this large and rather old-fashioned house has not been changed, but the interior has undergone a complete transformation. Perhaps the most important changes are

THE LARGE ADDITIONS

which have been made to the house in the east and south sides. On the former a two-story brick addition has been built, which affords a large and commodious butler's pantry connected with the dining-room, and a servant's staircase going from the kitchen to the second story. In the rear a very handsome ball-room has been erected. This is sixty feet deep, twenty-four feet wide and twenty feet high, and has been constructed in connection with the other alterations and improvements according to the designs and under the supervision of Mr. Charles H. Kelley, an architect of New York city, whose taste has been displayed in some of the fine public and private buildings in that city. Mr. Kelley has constructed this room upon a model somewhat after the style of similar rooms attached to French palaces, and the decorations will harmonize with this style. There is no plaster used in the walls and ceilings. The ceiling, which is a cone, or rounded, is to be decorated in gold, presenting a surface which will blaze in the light of the room. The frieze, which is papier mache, will be yellow, and the ornamentation which runs around it will represent dancing figures entwined in flowers. The walls from the frieze to the dado will be hung with a rich red silk fabric. The dado is Lincrusta Walton in cream and gold. At one side of the room is a recess for the use of musicians, and the front will be massed with foliage plants. Seats will run all all around the room,

COVERED WITH RED.

At the further end of the room is a magnificent fireplace and mantel. The mantel is of wood, finely carved and finished in cream and gold. It is thirteen feet wide and sixteen feet high. At the top a wreath of carved wood falls gracefully over the mirror, and is a fine specimen of the wood-carver's art. The fireplace is six feet long, four feet high and three feet deep, and on each side are wooden seats. About the fireplace is tiling of Sienna marble, and the hearth is laid with Sienna and Grotte marble. A sky-light in the roof, with arrangements for ventilation at the sides is the only means of lighting the room during the day. At night the light is furnished from the sides of the roof, and the effect will be very striking, the rich gold ceiling and the red walls blending and showing a wealth of coloring under the gas light. The floor will be laid in oak, in herring-bone design. The ball room in all its details will be a fine example of the Louis XVI. style of decoration. The entrance to the ball-room is through a recess from the parlors, and the walls and ceiling will be hung in rich green hangings. The dining-room, which has been enlarged by a recessed window looking out in the garden in the rear, will have ebonized wood work, and the hall will be hung with a maroon fabric. The French style of decoration will prevail in the decoration of the other rooms. The wide entrance hall will have flock paper for the dado, and the rest of the walls will be covered with paper of a reddish tone. The decoration of the reception room will be a peculiar combination of blue and green. The parlors will have yellow walls, the wood work being a rich brown and the carpets blue. All the decorations and furniture are being furnished from New York.

NOTES.

Senator Stanford's wife receives very informally at their residence on K street.

The president's niece, Miss Hastings, and Miss Foster, daughter of Gen. Foster, are here from Smith college, Massachusetts.

Miss Seidmore has returned from a summer spent in China and Japan, and will spend the winter with Mrs. H. F. Page of K street.

One of the many beautiful and curious things in Mrs. Logan's house is a rug composed of nine ostrich skins.

The winter is looked forward to as likely to be an exceptionally gay one even outside of official circles.

Mr. James F. Rule and his bride, nee Tristal, have returned from an extended visit to relatives in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mrs. Senator Cockrell has had her three little children enrolled as members of the Children's Christmas club.

The marriage of Mr. William Miller of Canada to Miss Della Barrick will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 30. The ceremony will take place at the parsonage of Foundry M. E. church.

Senator Plamer's elegant new house on K street rapidly approaches completion. When entirely furnished it will be one of the most commodious and best appointed residences here.

The Juvenile Minstrel club that bore so happy a part in the amusements of the younger portion of the West End society has dissolved, simply because its members are so widely scattered.

Mr. Miller, the commissioner of internal revenue, resides on Rhode Island avenue, near Iowa circle, Mrs. Miller will receive on Wednesday after the New Year.

Miss Cleveland has privately mentioned that as the mourning will be taken off of the White house only a few days before New Year's, she will not have the reception at the executive mansion as gay a one as it might otherwise be, so will only invite the wives of the married members of the cabinet to receive with her at the president's reception on January first, and no other ladies.

Miss Rosebud Jonas, niece of Senator Jonas, is visiting friends in Boston with her mother.

Mr. Randall of Augusta, Ga., author of "Maryland, My Maryland," is in the city, and will pass the winter at the Metropolitan hotel.

Miss Tillinghast, who so beautifully decorated Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Morgan's house on Scott Circle, has been for several weeks engaged in painting the walls and ceilings of Mr. Graham Bell's house, which is now nearly completed, and has been much praised by those who have had the opportunity to see it.

Mr. Cheng Tsao Ju, the Chinese minister, was presented to the president on Wednesday for the first time since his return from Peru, some five months since. While in Peru, the minister was stricken with paralysis, from which he has now almost entirely recovered.

Every year the young matrons are becoming more and more prominent. The beauty and attractions of stylish young married ladies are now the object of special attention, and little in comparison is said of young girls in society.

Gen. Sheridan, the British minister, Mr. Frank Riggs, Marshal A. A. Wilson, Hon. P. A. Collins, the French minister and Col. Bonaparte are a few of the prominent gentlemen whose pews are in close proximity in St. Matthew's church.

One hundred and twenty visitors shook hands with the president to-day. Nearly every one wished him a "Merry Christmas" and but few were given a chance to say anything more.

Lieut. Allen of the Second cavalry is at 1510 H street. He has been with an exploring party in Alaska and is engaged in preparing a report with maps for the government.

Mrs. Manderson, wife of the senator from Nebraska, will return to the city on Monday from a visit to friends in New York and Philadelphia.

Assistant Attorney General Maury revived an old Washington custom of having a number or friends in to drink egg-nog with him after church services on Christmas day. Among the gentlemen who partook of the spicy draught were Chief Justice Waite, Admiral Welles, Admiral Rowan, Justice Miller, Justice Woods, Capt. Tanner and Judge Cox.

Miss Cleveland was accompanied by Miss Endicott in her Thursday morning drive.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Edith Foster, daughter of the ex-minister of Spain, to Rev. Mr. Dallas of Detroit, on the 13th of January.

Speaker and Mrs. Carlisle took their Christmas turkey at the Riggs.

The president will begin his New Year's day at 10 o'clock a. m., which was the hour under Buchanan's administration.

The Children's Christmas club met at the Franklin school building this afternoon. Little Mollie Vilas presided. They completed their arrangements for the dinner to the poor children on Monday, and effected a permanent organization. Resolutions were passed inviting the president, Chief Justice Waite and W. W. Corcoran to witness the entertainment.

The ladies of the Louise home will send the customary tribute of flowers to Mr. W. W. Corcoran to-morrow, on the occasion of his 87th birthday.

Mr. A. A. Hayes has invited a number of ladies to 5 o'clock tea on next Thursday to meet Mrs. Ellis of Boston.

A local paper in noticing the stylish turnouts in this city says of Minnesota's junior senator: Senator Sabin owns one of the finest stables in the city, composed of nine horses. He has a pair of black Hambletonian horses valued at $2,500, driven to either coupe or landau. He has another horse valued at $1,200, a large black coupe horse valued at $500 and a pair of handsome roadsters that are first-class travelers.

COL. DONAN ON DAKOTA.

A Vermilion Oration on the Attitude of the Democrats,

With a Slight Reference to the Late Unpleasantness,

And a Sarcastic Remark Regarding Territorial Politics

Special to the Globe.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Col. Pat Donan left to-night with the journalistic excursion party for New Orleans. When asked by a representative of the GLOBE as to his opinion of the opposition which is being made to the admission of South Dakota as a state, he made the following characteristic reply: "Clap the great horned and scaled cloven-hoofed and fork-tailed old he-devil, reeking with brimstones of 6,000 years of hell and damnation, into the straight-cut black coat, white cravat and gold spectacles of an Episcopal bishop, or a Presbyterian doctor of divinity, and set him to lecturing a Bible class of little girls on the sinfulness of giggling at their boy sweethearts on Sunday, and he would be a dainty and delicate personification of modesty and consistency compared with the exConfederate catttle in congress at Washington, who are howling about the attitude of Dakota. A herd of red-handed rebels who owe the fact

COL. PAT DONAN.

of their necks being spared to the mistaken clemency of the government they strove to destroy—nearly a hundred ex-colonels and brigadier generals and major generals of the secession armies, whose only claim to office and only qualification for office under the United States is having fought four years to disrupt the Union and trample on the constitution—these fellows ranting about the "revolution" and "treason" of a grand territory in aspiring to become a state—a state that a horde of unhung traitors and rebels, still dripping with the blood shed in their mad attempt to tear thirteen states from the flag of the republic, prating of the 'revolutionariness' and 'traitorousness' of trying to add a new and radiant star to that glorious banner, men who turned the fairest half of a hemisphere into a golgotha, ridged a continent with the graves of the Nation's defenders, and piled upon the bending backs of the American people a debt of millions of dollars for every year since the creation of the world, in their insane and ruthless struggle to drag thirteen states out of the Union—these fellows,

FROTHING AT THE MOUTH

over 'the revolutionary and treasonable attitude' of Dakotans in endeavoring to bring a queenly young state into the union! Gad, every hair on one's head rises as an exclamation point of amazement at their audacity, their mammoth insolence, their colossal cheek! But our own Dakato people are largely to blame for giving these impudent libels on statesmanship so many chances to kick them and their territory. I have protested for years against the folly of letting a lot of ignorant, some of them disreputable imported politicians perpetually hold the territorial trouser-seat up to the congressional boot-toe. The Democrats will never consent to make two states of Dakota, creating two extra Republican senators and three extra Republican electoral votes. It would be crediting them with superhuman patriotism to expect it, instead of recognizing as I do the fact that

DISINTERESTED PATRIOTISM

is unknown in politics. There is really no good reason why Dakota should be divided. She is less than three-fourths the size of California. The Democrats will never make two states of the territory, and they will be glad of any reasonable excuse for keeping it out as one state, with its five or six Republican electoral votes, until after the next presidential election. This jackassial wrangle of Dakota politicians on the division question furnishes the pretext. The Democrats in congress naturally meet every overture of these territorial Kilkenny cats with the assurance that 'We cannot do anything for you until you decide what you want yourselves. Settle your own quarrels, and there will be time enough to ask us to admit you as one state or two.' Our own d—d fools are giving our enemies ample reason for spurning us from the doors of the Union, and it is only natural that they should avail themselves of the opportunity."

Brained with a Chair.

Special to the Globe.

DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 26.—Two Harbors, a small place about twenty miles from here, was the scene of a drunken brawl in a saloon on Christmas evening, which resulted in the death of a Swede named Andrew Anderson, who was the brother of Caper Anderson, the proprietor of the house. As the participants in the affair were all Swedes, and possess that characteristic of their race, uncommunicativeness, it is no easy matter to get at the facts in the case. As near as can be learned a party of perhaps a dozen Swedes assembled there to celebrate the evening and overloaded themselves with liquor, which, as usual, produced a belligerent effect, and the party wound up in a general row, in which all sorts of articles were brought into requisition, among others a chair, which came down upon the head of the murdered man with sufficient force to crush the skull near the spinal column, and caused instant death. In the melee no one seems to have been sober enough to know who struck the fatal blow, and consequently all those who were there and could be apprehended were placed under arrest, and were given a hearing before Justice McPherson to-day. Nothing further than has been already stated was developed at the preliminary examination, but it is thought that none of the men in custody are guilty. County Attorney D'Autrement went down to the bay this morning, in company with an officer, and it is probable that the guilty man will be discovered to-day. The fact is patent that the murder was not premeditated, but impulsive, and perhaps there was no intention of taking life.

Desultory Shooting.

BEVIER, Mo., Dec. 26.—Yesterday was looked forward to with fear by the law-abiding citizens, but no conflict between the white and black miners occurred. Christmas eve the negroes had a dance in the stockade. Many of them were drunk, and revolvers were frequently flourished. Several fights occurred between them, and all night long there was shooting going on, without fatal effect, however. The citizens claim that all the shooting was done by the negroes, and the negroes claim that some of the whites shot into the stockade. Yesterday the negroes remained in the stockade and were drinking heavily. There was also a great deal of drinking among the white men, and frequent fights occurred on both sides. A number of both black and white miners went to Macon to-day, and the authorities there took extraordinary precautions to prevent trouble by enlisting special police. Several altercations took place between white men and negroes, but prompt arrests prevented a riot.

Passing Forged Wheat Checks.

Special to the Globe.

REDFIELD, Dak., Dec. 26.—A young fellow by the name of John Kaiser was arrested this afternoon for attempting to pass off a forged G. W. Van Dusen wheat check of $59 on the Spink County bank of this city. Kaiser got a similar check of $40 cashed at the bank in the morning. The fact that he should have so much money coming in one day aroused the suspicions of the bank officials. The appearance of the check also indicated that there was something wrong. On some slight pretext Kaiser was detained in the bank until Mr. Burns, the agent of the company, was interviewed, and it was clearly ascertained that the suspicions of the bank were well founded. Kaiser was immediately placed under arrest, when he confessed his guilt, and admitted having received money amounting to about $100 in the same way and from the same parties on two previous occasions within the past few months. He claims to have acted as the tool of a second party, a stranger by the name of Preston, who drew the checks and with whom he divided the money, but as no trace can be secured of any such person the story is generally discredited. Kaiser has a rather green appearance, but samples of his hand-writing which have been secured indicate that he is perfectly competent to commit the crime without any assistance. Kaiser will be brought up for preliminary examination Monday morning, and the chances are that he will be given a chance to repent his folly behind prison bars.

A Desperado Killed.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—Intelligence reached here this evening of the killing in Ellest county, of Craig Tolliver by Asbury Crisp. Crisp found Tolliver, who was drunk, sleeping with his head on the lap of his (Crisp's) paramour, and without stopping to awaken the sleeping man he shot him, the ball piercing Tolliver's left breast just over the heart. Crisp escaped and is at large, but friends of his victim are scouring the country for him, and promise him summary punishment if he is caught. It is feared this killing will stir up another war in Rowan county. Tolliver was the notorious deperado of Rowan county who led the Tolliver faction in the bloody feud on the Martin faction. The feud lasted for over a year, during which time a half a dozen or more men were killed. The outlawry became so flagrant that no court could sit in the county, and Gov. Knox, after vain attempts to arbitrate matters, sent the militia into Rowan to hunt down and bring to justice these desperadoes. After two months' service there the troops were reealled. Tolliver and his principal followers were arrested and jailed. In the meantime Tolliver was taken to Cincinnati to answer an indictment of robbery. He was tried and acquitted, and a few months ago returned to his mountain home.

Bishop Fabre's Mandament.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—In his mandament, which will be read in all the Catholic churches in the city to-morrow, denouncing the Riel agitation, Bishop Fabre takes occasion to publish the pope's encyclical letter, in which it is enjoined upon all Catholics to live in brotherly love with other religions and to uphold the law of the land. The bishop says there never was a time when union between the priests and the people was so necessary as the present. He laments the action of some young people in having indulged in demonstrations which brought no good to either church or country. He deprecated the action of certain newspapers calling themselves Catholic which had endeavored to use religion to spread their revolutionary ideas, and concluded by saying:

The past must be buried in oblivion. If injustice has been done, whoever the guilty parties may be, all must now be repaired by reciprocal charity, and all must be redeemed by a common effort of deference towards the holy see. By this means Catholics will obtain double advantage, that of bidding the church to preserve and propagate Christian doctrines and that of rendering signal service to society whose salvation is not only compromised by bad doctrines, but also by bad passions.

A Lynching Brewing.

KINGS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—Christmas was celebrated here by a double killing, which threatens to result in lynching. Thursday night two brothers named Hayter arrived in town, and became so boisterous that the marshal, F. M. Miller, attempted to arrest them. They resisted, and jumping on their horses, drew their revolvers and rode up and down the main street, firing at whatever object attracted their attention. When their guns were unloaded the marshal opened fire and killed one of them instantly, dropping the other from his horse by a bullet through the body. The entire populace of the town soon gathered where the men had fallen, and as the Hayters had many friends, the action of the marshal was condemned. Relatives of the Hayters arrived from the country yesterday in such strong numbers that the marshal was locked up for safe keeping. It is feared that an attempt will be made to lynch him, and great excitement prevails.

Paper Seized by he Police.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec, 26.—The Sunday Sun is a weekly publication which has been issued in this city since last spring, being devoted chiefly to sensational and scandalous news. Threats have been made against it, and a scheme was on foot to mob the office during the coming week. To-night the police awoke to a realizing sense of the eternal fitness of things and seized the office. No resistance was offered by the owners. Any person found selling or having it for sale will be arrested immediately. Therefore, its last number was published last week.

A Bad Police Clerk.

Special to the Globe.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A warrant was sworn out this afternoon before Justice Hammon for the arrest of W. J. Clingen, late police court clerk of the South side, charging him with embezzling $5,000 from the city while in office. Clingen's accounts have been under investigation for a week, with the above result. City Attorney Washburne claims the amount of this defalcation will reach over $8,000.

Highest Tide Ever Known.

SANDWICH, Mass., Dec. 26.—The northwesterly gale which prevailed since yesterday has greatly increased since noon, and to-night is blowing fiercely. The tide is the highest ever known, and many streets have been flooded to the depth of eight feet, filling cellars and doing much damage. The Humane society's building was washed away this afternoon with its boats and other appurtenances.

The Whig to be Revived.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 26.—It was authoritively stated on the streets here to-day that negotiations were pending which would result in the purchase of the Richmond Whig, and the republication of that paper on the 1st of January, or very soon thereafter. It is believed that the paper will be purchased by Northern capitalists, who will put new life and vim into the time-honored old journal.

A Michigan Failure.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 26.—E. P. Kidder & Co., dry goods merchants, made an assignment to-day. The assets and liabilities have not been learned. It has been ascertained that they owe the Michigan National bank of Kalamazoo $7,000 and the Fourth National of this city $7,000. The assignee states that the assets will probably aggregate $35,000 to $40,000.

Ben Hardin Helm's Mother Dead.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Lucinda Helm, widow of the late Gov. John Helm, died to-day at Elizabethtown, Ky., aged 76, after a long illness. She was the daughter of the eminent jurist Ben Hardin, and mother of Ben Hardin Helm of Chicamauga fame.

Two Bankrupt Rinks.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 26. — Last week the Casino roller rink, one of the fanciest institutions of the kind in the city, went into bankruptcy, and to-day the Le Grande rink on Euclid avenue, a $17,000 structure, followed suit.

SARAH ALTHEA GETS LEFT.

Her Marriage Contract Declared a Forgery.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—United States Circuit Judge Sawyer this morning rendered a decision in favor of plaintiff in the suit of Sharon vs. Hill brought to declare void the alleged marriage contract. The decision, after stating the evidence in the case, which covers 1,731 pages of legal cap written with a type writer, refers to the refusal of the defendant to produce the alleged marriage contract before the examiner and her committal for contempt for this offense, and adds: "This singular conduct can only be interpreted as an admission that such inspection would tend to prove its (marriage contract), falsity." In determining the plaintiff's standing in the circuit court as a citizen of Nevada, it is held that notwithstanding the plaintiff's two residences in Calafornia, he never exercised any political rights in this state which voided his status as a citizen of Nevada, hence he was a citizen of the latter. On a question as to the effect of the adjudication of the superior court in the divorce case of

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in which an appeal is now pending, the decision says: "The supreme court of the state has uniformly held that an appeal from judgment suspends its operation for all purposes and that settles the question for this court." It follows that plaintiff is not estopped by the judgment of the superior court, in the case of Sharon vs. Sharon, to prove in this case that the declaration of marriage is false and forged. The decision then states the principal question is to find whether the declaration of marriage is genuine or forged. Much space is devoted to an analysis of testimony by chirography experts, from which the court decides the testimony is largely in favor of plaintiff and proves as far as such evidence can that the signature to the document is forged. It also holds from the same testimony that the word "wife" is "my dear wife." The letters are tracings substituted for other words. The opinion concludes by stating that the alleged marriage contract is a forgery and decrees that it is null and void. The main opinion is by Judge Deady of United States district court of Oregon and contains 24,000 words. Judge Sawyer filed a concurring opinion.

TRIP OF THE JOURNALISTS.

They Leave Chicago for New Orleans Via the Illinois Central.

Special to the Globe.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Representatives of the leading journals of the Northwest, to the number of thirty, left here for New Orleans to-night via the Illinois Central, in two of the handsomest Pullman excursion cars on the road, the Pickwick and Glen Eyre. That portion of the Minnesota contingent which left with them arrived here this afternoon over the Albert Lea route, chaperoned by Joe A. McConnell, traveling passenger agent of the Minneapolis & St. Louis, who delivered them all safely into the hands of W. H. Hanson, general passenger agent of the Illinois Central. All were in good spirits and anticipated a very pleasant trip. Among the party who left here to-night were: David Blakely and niece, Minneapolis Journal; George Peck, and wife, Peck's Sun, Milwaukee; George K. Shaw and wife, St. Paul Dispatch; Hon. Lewis Baker and wife, St. Paul GLOBE; W. H. Busbey and wife, Inter-Ocean; W. A. Bogart, Herald; W. K. Sullivan, the Journal; Clinton Snowden, Evening Mail, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. V. M. Carpenter; Gov. Bross of the Tribune and Franc B. Wilkie of the Times, and wife, all of Chicago; J. B. Wassen and wife of the N. Y. Tribune; W. G. McLaughlin and wife of the Journalist, New York. Will E. Haskell of the Minneapolis Tribune will join the party at Thomasville. At Odin, Ill., they will be reinforced by representatives of the Eastern papers, among whom will be Amos Clemmings of the New York Sun; M. P. Handy and wife of the Philadelphia News; Col. Frank A. Burr, representing the Boston Herald, and Col. Alexander McClure of the Philadelphia Times.

Can Care for Themselves.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Gov. Stoneman to day received a dispatch from Secretary Bayard from Washington, in which the writer states that his attention has been called by the Chinese minister to the movement in different cities in this state for the expulsion of Chinese. The minister suggests it is preferable to prevent violence to repressing it after it may have arisen. In reply to Secretary Bayard, Gov. Stoneman telegraphed:

There has not been a single case of violence toward the Chinese in this state nor do I anticipate any trouble which cannot be controlled by local authority. There is a deep-seated and unanimous feeling on this coast against further immigration of the Chinese. Thousands of good citizens are unable to obtain a livelihood owing to their presence. Referring to the suggestions of the Chinese minister to yourself as to the proper method of preserving good order in this state I may say we are capable of performing that duty without gratuitous suggestions from that quarter.

Colored Men's Exposition.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 26.—An immense assemblage of negroes gathered in St. John's Colored Methodist Episcopal church, at the opening of the first exposition given by that race, J. M. Langston, late minister to Hayti, addressed them. He congratulated the colored people on their progress since the emancipation proclamation. He drew a comparison between slaves that had been liberated years before those of the American continent, and said that the American negroes had advanced more in the last twenty-five years than any others had in a long period of liberty. He said he was the first negro on the American continent to speak from an ambulance to those of his own race, who had waged bitter war against fearful odds and won. In conclusion Mr. Langston urged renewed efforts on the part of the negro to attain to a still more exalted standard.

Left a Wreath at the Grave.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Battery M of the Fifth United States artillery, on duty at Riverside park, spent the day in routine work, as usual. About 10:30 o'clock in the morning, Mrs. Grant and Col. Fred Grant drove up in a carriage and alighted at the tomb. On the gate they fastened a heavy wreath of flowers. When they had gone on a white-haired ex-soldier from Galena, Ill., begged permission of Officer Fanning, which was accorded, to kiss the wreath left by Mrs. Grant. Another gentleman from San Francisco was affected to tears, and asked permission to cut some blades of grass near the tomb. A lady offered $10 for a flower from the wreath, but of course was refused. It is a common thing for the guard to be tempted in this way by offers of money.

The Latest on Record.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The high rates of freights prevailing at present on coal have tempted the Lehigh valley to send two more cargoes here, and the propellors H. E. Packer and Fred Mercur passed through the straits last night en route for Chicago. But little ice was encountered, and the vessels will probably make this port without trouble. This is the first time in the history of lake navigation that a trip has been attempted so late in the season, and will give the Mercur the honor of being the first and last boat through the straits in 1885.

Orangemen Cannot Parade.

ST. JOHNS, Dec. 26.—The New Foundland executive has issued a proclamation forbidding an Orange procession in Harbor Grace or any other ports of Conception bay. Numerous affidavits were made before Judge Bennett, affirming the certainty of a disturbance of the peace in the event of a public demonstration or procession. Sir Ambrose Shea has been appointed governor of Newfoundland, being the first native and Catholic governor since the days of Cabot.

Miners Quiet.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26.—It was a quiet day among the striking coal miners. Preparations are being made for Monday's mass meeting at Allequippa. There is considerable talk among the strikers at the conclusion of the meeting of marching in a body to the head of the fourth pool and then coming down the river, making peaceful overtures to the working miners to cease and join the strike, making them once more solid. Whether the plan will succeed is a matter for conjecture.

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Facts About Coffins.

There are in the United States about forty coffin factories, located principally west of the Alleghenies, where suitable lumber is more plentiful and cheaper than in the East.

The largest concern is located in Cincinnati, and there is still another in St. Louis which has a flooring space of 88,000 square feet and employs 100 men, besides several women, who are employed in making burial clothes and shrouds, business that is of recent date and which is rapidly growing.

The coffin manufacturers of the United States are banded together under the name of the National Burial association. They meet four times a year, in different cities, and probably they can control the price of their products better than any other similar organization.

A few years ago there was quite a rage or metallic burial cases, but of late the reference is for coffins.

A considerable number of American coffins are shipped abroad, mostly to England, South Africa, Cuba and the South American states. Those made for export are of the "knock-down" style, and are put together at their places of destination, except those shipped to England.

Walnut is mostly used for the best class of coffins, but some very finely finished ones are made of sweet gum. When finished up finely it resembles cherry somewhat and is called "satin walnut."

Poplar is used to a greater extent in the business than any other wood. It is cheap, easily worked and adapted to the requirements of the business.

Neither the kind of wood of which a coffin is made nor its probable durability affects its price, which depends upon the style of finish and ranges from $2 or $3 up to the full extent of the customer's ability to pay.

Much of the wealth and labor of the country is annually buried in the soil through a fashion that calls for ridiculously expensive funerals.

Madagascar Matters.

Special to the Globe.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The English papers disbelieve De Freycinet's story that a treaty has been signed with Madagascar, which he admits has not been ratified. Nothing is known to have occurred to induce Madagascar to assent to submission, which it has hitherto steadfastly resisted. Great efforts are being made to prevent Grevy's re-election to the presidency, but the chances are much in his favor. Peace seems to be assumed in the Balkans. Prince Alexander accepts loyally what he considers the unfair decision of the military commissioners requiring the evacuation of Pierot. Turkey still withholds her consent to the union of the two Bulgarias, but must eventually accept the policy of Europe.

Caceres' Hopes.

LIMA, VIA GALVESTON, Dec. 26.—All the troops under arms serving either for Gen. Iglesias or Gen. Caceres have now reached Lima and have been disbanded by the council of ministers and sent at government expense to their homes. The prefects appointed by the new government are joyfully received in all the provinces. Tranquility reigns throughout the country. Preparations are being made for the coming elections. Gen. Caceres will, it is expected, be returned as president.

Foreign Flashes.

The Irish archbishop of Armagh is dead.

Dispatches from Paris say the premiership of Brisson is collapsing, a number of his former supporters having deserted him.

The French admiral, Galiber, minister of marine and colonies, has resigned.

Monkahtar Pasha, the Turkish commissioner to Egypt, and his staff have arrived at Alexandria.

The pope is suffering from a kidney complaint and has been ordered by his physicians to take a complete rest.

The Spanish prime minister, Sagasta, yesterday opened the cortes in accordance with a royal decree.

Caused a Loss of $40,000.

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The explosion of the boilers at the Lake Merced pumping works of the Spring Valley main works, (California,) according to a private telegram to the president of the company, caused a loss not to exceed $40,000.

The Negro Probably Guilty.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—David J. Beggels, who was murderously assaulted by an unknown man at Canton night before last and found unconscious in his bed yesterday morning, will probably recover. He is delirious, but talks lucidly at intervals. To-day he said something about a negro striking him on the head. George Green, the colored man under arrest, still protests his innocence of the crime.

VARIETIES.

A student who had made very little progress, in taking leave of one of his tutors began thus with great pathos: "Herr Professor, it is to you I am indebted for all that I know . . . " "Stop, stop, I pray!" replied the tutor, "do not mention such a trifle."—Elsener Kourier."

Two Georgia girls recently decided that things were getting altogether too dull, and they would try and wake things up and have some fun. They dressed up in men's apparel, walked over to some of their neighbor's domiciles, passed off for tramps, frightened some women and children almost out of their wits, and would have made a thorough canvass of the town but for a little mouse, which appeared upon the scene, and caused them to identify themselves with the weaker sex, abruptly terminating their carnival.

A Providence Failure.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 26.—Following the assignment of Fogg, Dernbar & Co. of New Haven the local house of Ezra D. Fogg & Co. suspended to-day. It has made no assignment, but will probably come under the same rules of settlement as given the other house. The assigned firm has some heavy creditors in this city, but none, however, will be crippled by the failure. A few local banks are carrying some of their paper.

Rendered "The Messiah."

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—The Musical Festival association gave its annual performance of the Ontario, "The Messiah," at Music hall to-night with a local orchestra, and with the well-known chorus that has appeared in the May festivals. The chorus has been for some time training for the coming festival. Its work to-night showed that its reputation has been well maintained.

Mourning Draperies Removed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The thirty days of mourning for the late Vice President Hendricks have expired and the departments and other public buildings were to-day divested of their mourning draperies. The hook and ladder force was required to remove the black cloth from the tall pillars of the White house portico.

Secured an Attachment.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Kountze Bros. of this city have secured an attachment against the property of the City bank of Houston, Tex., to recover $7,000 on promissory notes made on Sept. 28. These notes came into the possession of Kountze Bros., and at maturity were not paid. The assets and liabilities of the bank are not known here.

A Heavy Gale.

SANDWICH, Mass., Dec. 26.—A terrific northeast gale has prevailed here since yesterday afternoon, and to-day the wind is blowing harder than ever. The sea is the heaviest known here for years, and the tides are unusually high. Sand bars have shifted, and the channels are unapproachable.

Old Settler Dead.

Special to the Globe.

MANKATO, Minn., Dec. 26.—Jabez Lloyd, for twenty years a resident of this county and for three years of this city, died last evening, aged 71 years. He was a highly respected member of the Welch C. M. church.

Walked Into a Culvert.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 26. — Martin O'Neill and Christy Conner walked into a culvert at Abellsville, O., last night, falling twenty-five feet. O'Neill, who lived at East Liverpool, was killed and Conner badly injured.

Deaths From Small-P