

WASHINGTON NOTES.

A DANGEROUS counterfeit of the \$20 United States silver certificate has been discovered. The note is of the series of 1891, check letter B. The most noticeable defect is in the treasury numbers, which, although of good color, are too heavy and out of alignment.

INTERNATIONAL quarantine of cattle is to be abolished between Canada and the United States and rigid inspection put in force between the two countries.

THE Associated press sent out a dispatch from Washington on the 13th positively announcing that President-elect McKinley had tendered to Senator Sherman the state portfolio and that the senator had accepted it and would be the premier of the incoming administration.

THE administration at Washington has concluded to name allotting agents at once for the Wichita reservation, but it was expressly stated that no attempt would be made to open the reservation, as that was going to be left for the incoming administration to do.

UNITED STATES MINISTER, WILLIS died recently at Honolulu of a severe cold contracted in San Francisco before returning to the Hawaiian islands.

THE civil service commission has issued a revised schedule of examinations and instructions to applicants for the first six months of the year 1897. The commission cautions all applicants to file their applications a considerable time in advance of the examinations in order to prevent delays.

GENERAL NEWS.

TOM LOWE, 36 years of age, jailed at Denison, Tex., on a charge of disposing of mortgaged property, has made a confession in writing that he is the husband of 16 wives, all of whom he has married within the last eight years.

OWING to the pollution of Lake Michigan, Chicago's water supply, the board of education has directed that the supply of drinking water in the 252 public schools of the city be shut off until further notice. The order was immediately put into effect.

THE Cuban League of the United States, a New York dispatch says, has decided to send a special envoy to Cuba to investigate and report upon the present status of the war.

WILLIAM M. ROE was legally hanged at Napa, Cal., on the 15th for the murder of a woman.

Gov. BIDD, of California, declared the 16th a legal holiday to celebrate the defeat of the Pacific railroad funding bill in the national house of representatives.

WHILE nine fishermen belonging to Menasha, Mich., were tending their nets on the ice on Green bay on the 15th, the ice parted from the shore and was carried rapidly out into Lake Michigan. It was thought the fishermen were doomed to perish and their wives and children spent the night on the beach weeping.

BRADSTREET'S agency reports 478 business failures in the United States for the week ended the 15th against 412 for the corresponding week of last year.

THE immense mills of the Fox Paper Co., at Crescentville, O., were destroyed by fire on the night of the 14th. Loss, estimated at \$150,000.

THE New York Herald on the 14th stated that Cornelius N. Bliss, who had conditionally accepted the secretaryship of the navy under the incoming administration, had informed Maj. McKinley that he felt compelled to decline the honor on account of business and domestic reasons.

AT the national convention of the United Mine Workers at Columbus, O., on the 14th John A. Cairns, ex-president, was expelled from the union for making an attack on President Penna, whose official acts were unanimously indorsed by the convention. A proposition for levying 25 cents per capita per month for a defense fund was referred to a special committee.

THE Tom Boy gold mine of San Miguel county, Col., has passed into the hands of the Rothschild syndicate. It is recognized as one of the richest gold mines in the United States.

THE president of the Trades and Labor union at St. Louis recently estimated that fully 20,000 men were out of work in that city.

IT was said to be understood that President-elect McKinley had practically decided upon James Wilson, of Iowa, for secretary of agriculture.

IT was estimated that the famine in India will cost the Indian treasury from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000. Millions will be sufferers to the end of March.

THE dowager empress of Japan died on the 13th of lung disease, aged 64.

JOHN C. SPOONER was unanimously nominated for United States senator by the republican joint legislative caucus at Madison, Wis., on the 13th.

GEORGE KILL, a Menomonic, Wis., bookkeeper, killed himself by placing his head under the wheels of a locomotive. Domestic troubles and a shortage were the causes.

TWENTY men, disguised as whitecaps, took J. J. Brooks, who has a wife and family in another place, out of a house in Stapleton, Pa., where he was living with another man's wife, and cowed him till he begged for mercy and then marched him out of town.

ONE man was killed and two injured, one fatally, by a tail-end collision between two sections of a southbound freight train at Sinking creek water tank in Kentucky. The second section crashed into the first section while it was taking water at the tank.

CRATHER & HAVERHILL'S heavy dry goods warehouses at Montreal, Can., were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$300,000; insurance, \$200,000.

J. L. McCLEARY met death in a horrible manner at Corning, O., recently. He was engaged in shooting a well and several quarts of nitroglycerin which were in a wagon exploded and tore his body into shreds. The wagon was wrecked and the horses killed. A sudden jar caused the explosion.

JIM HALL and Steve O'Donnell have been matched to box 20 rounds before the Greater New York Athletic club, February 1.

THE boys' wing of Buckner's orphans' home, near Dallas, Tex., was destroyed by fire on the night of the 15th and five boys perished in the flames, three of them being the matron's sons.

FIRE at Marbert, Pa., has destroyed the famous old stone barn opposite the Gen. Wayne hotel, which has been a landmark for more than a century. Gen. Washington's troops were quartered there once during the revolution.

FIVE persons were seriously injured and about 30 others were more or less cut and bruised on the 11th by a street car in Pittsburgh, Pa., running away down a steep grade and dashing into a telegraph pole.

THE New York Press claimed to have received news through private channels that Gen. Gomez had stormed and captured the important city of Santa Clara on January 9, and was moving on Havana with 18,000 men.

CASPAR W. WHITNEY, of New York city, filed suit at Perry, Ok., asking that his wife's divorce decree, which was granted in the territory a year ago, be set aside on the grounds that she was not a bona fide resident of the territory. Mrs. Anna C. Whitney, one of New York's foremost society women, after three months' stay, filed suit alleging 90 days' bona fide residence, and next day after the decree was granted she left the territory and went back to New York city. Since that time she has wedded another.

INTERNAL revenue officers captured a complete underground distilling plant on the 14th at a Jewish settlement in Cumberland county, N. J. Two moonshiners were arrested and the whisky confiscated.

WILLIAM FERGUSON and James McKenna were found dead in a room of a New York hotel on the 14th, having been asphyxiated by illuminating gas.

A TRAIN was wrecked near Sciota, Ill., through a broken rail. It left the track and plunged down an embankment. The engineer was probably fatally hurt. Several other persons were also more or less injured. The wreck then took fire, but was soon extinguished.

A CHICAGO dispatch of the 13th stated that express and railroad managers had sent letters to train guards instructing them to shoot and kill in every case where robbery was the intent of any one interfering with the running of a train and a reward of \$500 was held out for every robber shot but not killed and \$1,000 for every robber killed.

FIVE children were drowned in St. Louis on the 12th through skating on unsafe ice.

JAMES F. GIBBS, of the Norwalk (O.) Reflector, is being boomed for public printer under McKinley.

THE excitement attendant upon the rich gold discoveries made in the Ragged Top district, near Lead, S. D., continued unabated on the 11th. A pocket of ore was uncovered at a depth of 100 feet in the Daisy shaft, which assayed over \$34,000 to the ton. Three rival towns had sprung up in the region of the discoveries and their growth bordered on the marvelous. People were rushing to them in droves.

CHEF SIGWART, of the police department of Omaha, Neb., has instructed his secretary to open a set of books for the purpose of promoting the matrimonial craft, and in future all requests for matrimonial correspondents addressed to the department will be properly tabulated, filed and exhibited to those who are looking for something of the kind. Everything is to be conducted in strict confidence.

THREE masked robbers went to the home of David Culbertson, a wealthy farmer, near Wadsworth, O., and demanded money. Mr. Culbertson gave them \$75, all he had in the house. The robbers thought more was concealed in the house, and pulled off Miss Culbertson's clothing and, with heated irons, tortured her in the hope of drawing from her the supposed hiding place of the money. She finally fainted and the robbers left.

THE fourth annual Oklahoma legislative assembly convened at Guthrie on the 12th.

THE appearance of a spot on the sun has caused a panic among the negroes of Alachua, Levy and Lafayette counties in Florida and it was reported spreading to other counties on the 12th. The blacks believed the spot to be a sign of the near approach of the judgment day and they were singing, praying and confessing their sins in their churches.

SENATOR SHERMAN visited Maj. McKinley at Canton, O., on the 15th and after the conference told an Associated press representative that he had accepted the secretaryship of state in the McKinley cabinet.

EUGENE BERONSON and wife entered police headquarters at Detroit, Mich., on the 14th and confessed that Beronson had in 1894 embezzled \$5,000 from the Akron & Canton Stone Co., whose Chicago manager he then was. The woman fainted during her husband's recital.

A PARTY of masked men went to the home of a merchant near Macon, Ga., and demanded his money. He attempted to defend himself and the would-be robbers fired at him and killed his wife.

THERE was great rejoicing at Perry, Ok., and vicinity over the news of the passage of the free homes bill, the people celebrating by shooting off their guns and blowing whistles.

WILLIAM FRIEND, a young farmer near Bedford, Ia., was recently arrested on the charge of poisoning his young wife. Indignation over the crime ran high and there was talk of lynching.

THE official returns showed that up to the evening of the 13th there were 3,394 cases of the bubonic plague in Bombay and 2,356 deaths from the disease. Many corpses have been found in the streets and there was often difficulty in burying the dead, through want of help.

GEN. CARLOS ROLOFF, secretary of war of the Cuban republic, was arrested at New York on a warrant sworn out by the Spanish consul, in which the general was charged with a violation of the neutrality laws in connection with an alleged filibustering expedition to Cuba.

THOMAS C. PLATT was named as the republican candidate for United States senator at Albany, N. Y., on the 14th by a vote of 147 to 7 for Joseph H. Choate.

JOHN P. ALTGELD, the retiring governor of Illinois, had prepared a farewell address and it had been given a place on the printed programme for the inauguration of Gov. Tanner at Springfield on the 11th, but for some reason he was not allowed to deliver it, which created some confusion, as considerable interest was manifested in what Gov. Altgeld would have said.

AT Fountain Park, near Columbus, O., a train on the 13th killed Fred Donley and Minnie Reed, badly injured Lizzie Reed and killed their horse and smashed the buggy.

FOUR men were blown to pieces at Ward, a small mining camp 20 miles from Boulder, Col. They had been drilling some holes and were proceeding to fill them with giant powder when the explosion happened. It was thought they must have dropped the box containing the powder. It was impossible to join the remains of the victims, as they were in shreds and unrecognizable.

THE conference of business interests on the reform of our monetary system commenced at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 12th, about 300 delegates being present.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

THE loss of life at the fire at the Buckner orphans' home at Dallas, Tex., was greater than at first reported. When the ruins had cooled enough search was made and, instead of five bodies being discovered, 16 were found.

J. A. R. ELLIOTT, of Kansas City, Mo., defeated J. D. Gay, the crack pigeon shot of the south in a 100-bird match at Pine Grove, Ky., on the 10th. Elliott killed 98 and Gay 96 out of 100.

JACK EVERHARDT, of New Orleans, knocked out Billy Ernst, of Brooklyn, in the 12th round at New York on the 16th. The men were announced to go 15 rounds at 137 pounds.

TWO men in a wagon crossed the Jersey Central track near Hopewell, N. Y., on the 16th and were killed by a local train running into the wagon. The train was delayed a short time, when the fast B. & O. express dashed into the local train, splitting the local's last car in two and setting two others on fire. The baggage master on the local was probably fatally hurt and about a score of passengers were injured.

LATE on the night of the 16th tramps took possession of Newkirk, Ok., and saloons were robbed of money, whisky and beer and private residences entered and many things taken. Five of the tramps were arrested.

ON the night of the 16th George P. Beauvais was waylaid and robbed by a negro at Whitecastle, La. Before midnight the highwayman was arrested, identified by his victim and jailed and the next morning the negro's body was found dangling from a tree, the coroner's verdict being "death by hanging, at the hands of some unknown parties."

FIVE children broke through the ice at North Leominster, Mass., on the 16th and were drowned.

A GANG of a dozen highwaymen held up an emigrant train going south from Missouri in the Creek nation in the Indian territory on the 17th and robbed them of everything they had. Some of the emigrants identified the leader of the desperadoes as being George Taylor, the escaped murderer of the Meeks family. Posses were organized at Guthrie, Ok., to locate the gang.

TWO children and a niece of John D. Reynolds were discovered dead in a tenement house at Roxbury, Mass., shortly after he arose on the morning of the 17th, the three having been suffocated by gas, carelessness or ignorance in using the fixture being the cause.

THE SAME POLICY.

Cleveland's Cuban Ideas Will Be Followed by McKinley.

Sherman Says Plainly That There Will Be No American Interference—Has Faith in Canovas' Autonomy Scheme for Settlement.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 16.—The Cuban policy of the McKinley administration will differ very little from that which has been laid down by President Cleveland and his secretary of state. This statement is based on remarks made to a reporter by the man who will be premier of the next administration, Senator John Sherman, at the Union depot yesterday evening. The veteran statesman was on his way back to Washington from Canton, where he had had a conference with Mr. McKinley, and had accepted the portfolio of state in his cabinet. After stating that his position in the next cabinet had been determined, Senator Sherman said in answer to a question: "I think the United States government should not interfere with the Cuban war, either to aid in its settlement, or do anything which would make a peaceful government of the island a charge on this country. I understand on high authority that Prime Minister Canovas has outlined a programme of governmental reform which will be applied both in Spain and Cuba. These reforms will give the Cubans practical autonomy and will, I hope, settle the question."

FIVE BOYS BURNED.

Terrible Death of Inmates of an Orphan's Home in Dallas, Tex.

DALLAS, Tex., Jan. 16.—At a late hour last night the boys' wing of the Buckner's orphans' home, five miles from this city, was destroyed by fire. Five boys perished in the flames, three of them being the matron's sons, and several others were burned. Before Mrs. Britton, the boys' matron, had been in bed a short time she detected smoke, and immediately arose to investigate. Even the floor under her feet was almost too hot to stand on. Perceiving this, she immediately raised the alarm and runners were sent to all the rooms to alarm the children and get them out of the building as quickly as possible. In her anxiety to get the children out she neglected to assist those who were in her room. After seeing a large percentage of the children had been removed from the building, and that others would be out in a few minutes, she suddenly remembered her own children, and, running to the room, endeavored to rescue them. She was too late, however, the fire had already entered her own room, and, although she fought the flames with desperate zeal, she was compelled to retreat with the affrighted cries of her children ringing in her ears, knowing they were doomed to death. The building, with all its furniture, was destroyed. The loss is not known.

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW.

Wholesale Merchants Report No Noticeable Change in Business Features—The Failures.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Bradstreet's agency says: Except for a few southern cities, as reported last week, wholesale merchants throughout the country report no noticeable change in trade features and few, if any, indications of improvement in the near future. Mercantile collections continue slow and moderate. Some jobbers at Chicago, St. Louis, Baltimore and other large cities report increased demand for dry goods, hats, shoes, hardware and groceries for spring delivery, but that in other lines of business is very dull. Dealers in staples at cities in Texas, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee and South Carolina report a better demand for hardware and agricultural supplies, compared with last week. Some Baltimore salesmen are securing relatively fair orders. There has been no revival in textile circles, except increased purchases of wool at Boston by some of the larger manufacturers.

Prices this week show advances for leather, pork, lard, petroleum and cotton, while decreases are reported in prices in hides, wheat, corn, coffee, pig iron and steel billets. No change is reported in quotations for coal, lumber, flour, oats, sugar, print cloths and wool. Iron and steel have not met with the increased demand expected, while sugar and coffee prices have been affected by competition among leading dealers.

There have been 478 business failures in the United States this week, compared with 483 last week, 412 the second week of January, 1895, 378 in the like week of 1893, and as compared with 404 in the corresponding period of 1894.

BIG TRADE BALANCE.

United States Exports in 1896 Were \$311,000,000 Greater Than Imports.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The exports of domestic merchandise during December were \$116,128,334 and for the year \$986,871,256. This is a gain of about \$25,052,000 for the month, as compared with December, 1895, and a gain for the year of \$179,128,000. The imports of merchandise during December amounted to \$57,956,009, and for the year \$680,556,223. Of the amount for the year \$321,951,520 was free of duty and \$358,604,707 was dutiable. The gain for the month is about \$4,200,000 and the loss for the year is about \$121,113,000. The exports of gold during December amounted to \$405,850 and the imports of \$2,573,371. For the year the exports aggregated \$56,742,844 and the imports \$102,760,438. The silver exports during December amounted to \$6,819,545 and the imports \$1,279,801. During the year the exports amounted to \$68,029,336 and the imports \$12,504,577. The excess of merchandise, gold and silver exports over imports for the year was almost \$311,000,000.

Cold Hood's Sarsaparilla

The best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

He Was Sure. "Drummers"—sometimes called commercial travelers—are like ministers and doctors, fond of chaffing each other. "I've a great story to tell you, boys," said a drummer to a group in the corridor of the Iroquois last night. "I don't think any of you ever heard me tell it before."

"Is it a really good story?" asked one of the party, doubtfully. "It certainly is." "Then I'm sure you never told it before."—Buffalo Times.

To Get Out of the Way. When trouble is coming, is obviously the part of common sense. An obstruction of the bowels is a serious obstacle to health. To get this out of the way is an easy matter with the thorough laxative, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which, although it affords relief, never gripes and convulses like a drastic purgative. Dyspepsia, malarial, kidney and rheumatic ailments and nervousness yield to this genial family medicine.

There seems to be nothing people enjoy talking about so much as a married couple that don't get along very well.—Washington Democrat.

The Most Unique Calendar of the Season. Has just been issued by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Ry. Copy can be secured by sending six cents in stamps to cover postage, to A. J. SMITH, G. F. A., Cleveland.

There is an unwritten law among women that no woman should go further from home than two blocks with a shawl over her head.

Fires stopped free and permanently cured. No fits after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Free \$2 trial bottle & treatise. DR. KLINE, 938 Arch st., Phila., Pa.

Good breeding is doing nothing needlessly that one thinks will hurt or displease others.—N. Y. Weekly.

A sprain may cripple but St. Jacobs Oil will cure it before it can. It cures.

Everose who doesn't have to light the fires in the morning preaches against using coal oil for that purpose.

Piso's Cure for Consumption. Relieves the most obstinate coughs.—Rev. D. BUCKMULLER, Lexington, Mo., Feb. 24, '94.

Inns are a capital that bear interest only in the hands of talent.—N. Y. Weekly.

Sore and stiff from cold; don't wait and suffer; use St. Jacobs Oil and get cured.

Some very trifling people are well posted on Scripture.—Washington Democrat.

Just try a 10c. box of Cascarets candy cathartic, finest liver and bowel regulator made.

We all like to put off disagreeable jobs as long as possible.—Washington Democrat.

Use St. Jacobs Oil and say to rheumatism: "Will see you later."

Our happiness is but an unhappiness more or less couched.—N. Y. Weekly.

The longer a woman has been married the larger a dollar grows to her.

A woman sharpens a pencil pigeon-toed.—Aitchison Globe.

Use St. Jacobs Oil promptly and freely and say good-bye to neuralgia.



The Roman mother who with her mantle defended the body of her child from the ravenous birds of prey is a perfect type of motherhood in all times and among all people. To protect her offspring from harm is the overwhelming instinct of motherhood. Modern mothers are coming to understand that the best protection they can give their children against the preying acci-dents of life is to transmit an abundance of natural health and hardihood. But a mother cannot confer health and strength upon her offspring unless she has it in some measure herself. Prospective mothers should know that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a scientific medicine, which gives perfect health and strength to the special organs concerned in motherhood. Taken early during the expectant time, it makes the coming of baby entirely safe and nearly painless. It insures cheerfulness and recuperative energy to the mother and constitutional vigor to the child. It is the only perfect and positive specific for all weaknesses and diseases of the feminine organism. Mrs. F. E. Forgey, of Carna, Keyespa Co., Neb., writes: "I write to you again concerning my daughter, Mrs. D. Billing. She has taken two bottles of 'Favorite Prescription.' She thinks the medicine did her a world of good. She was confined the 15th of February. Was sick but a short time and has a 10 pound daughter. Got along nicely afterward. Looks good, complexion looks clear, and she says she never felt so well."