INDEPENDENCE DAY.

How the Fourth Was Observed in the East.

TAMMANY'S GREAT ANNUAL GATHERING.

Speeches by Leading Sachems—Letters Read From Prominent Democratic Politicians—Celebrations Throughout the Union.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

NEW YORK, July 4.—The anniversary of American Independence was elaborately celebrated by Tammany society in Tammany Wigwam this morning. The great hall was crowded with people, the private boxes being occupied by ladies. Among the prominent statesmen present who delivered addresses were Congressman W. J. Bryan of Nebraska and Hon. Owen Kirk of Illinois. The interior of the hall was beautifully decorated with flags, coats of arms of the different States and floral designs. Grand Sachem Thomas Gilroy delivered the address of welcome and the "Declaration of Independence" was read.

The secretary then read letters from prominent Democrats. Ex-President Cleveland wrote: "No man nor woman nor child should forget or outgrow the sentiments relating to the observance of the fourth day of July. Because there are influences and tendencies abroad which might tend to neglect this anniversary the valuable and patriotic effort of Tammany to rescue it from indifference ought to be universally applauded. I am satisfied that Tammany will not lose an opportunity to teach that the Declaration of Independence was a movement on the part of a people determined to govern themselves; that patriotism inspires and joins in the unselfish love for our country's welfare; that political organization is only effective and successful when approved and trusted by intelligent popular government."

Senator David B. Hill wrote defining the power and purposes of the Democratic party. He reviewed the recent political history of New York, and closed thus: "Our course at present is plain. The Democracy of New York in the coming struggle should present a solid front to the common enemy. Loyalty to the cardinal Democratic principles and the regularly nominated candidates is the supreme duty of the hour."

Governor Boies of Iowa wrote: "Occupying as it does the position of the most powerful organization of its kind in the country, and upholding the tremendous influence that always comes from the union of vast numbers of men intent upon the same object, it is indeed appropriate on each anniversary of the nation's birthday that your society should renew the allegiance that has become the pride of every citizen of the republic."

Letters were also received from Governor Pattison of Pennsylvania, Governor Buchanan of Tennessee, Hon. John G. Carlisle of Kentucky and others.

Owing to the illness of the Hon. W. L. Wilson of West Virginia, the Hon. W. J. Bryan of Nebraska was selected for the first talk. Before he had a chance to say a word the crowd broke loose and gave cheer after cheer for Cleveland, Hill, Cockran, and again for Cleveland.

Congressman Bryan delivered the address on the day and the nation, and the youth as its defender. He declared that nothing was grander than the words, "all men are born free and equal," penned by Thomas Jefferson, whose name they had in turn given immortality. He asked his hearers if these Jeffersonian truths were accepted to-day as they were 100 years ago.

S. M. White of California was also one of the speakers.

At Peoria.

PEORIA, July 4.—The city has been thronged all day with thousands of strangers to participate in the celebration of Independence day. The demonstration was by far the largest in Central Illinois in recent years. The day was ushered in by a grand salute and at 11 o'clock a parade took place which was several miles in length, in which all the societies and merchants of the city were represented. Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson of Bloomington, the Democratic nominee for Vice-President, was the orator of the day. He was accorded an ovation all along the line of march. After the parade he received a continuous throng of visitors at his hotel. The exercises were held this afternoon in Courthouse square. Stevenson was introduced by Hon. Nicholas E. Worthington, who placed him in nomination at the Chicago convention. Stevenson delivered a brilliant and patriotic address, not touching in any way on political matters.

In Connecticut.

WOODSTOCK, Conn., July 4.—The usual Independence day exercises were held here. A large number of people were gathered to hear the distinguished speakers who had gathered here for the occasion. Secretary of the Navy General B. F. Tracy was the chief speaker, taking as his subject the "Presidential Office." other speakers were Attorney-General Miller, Commissioner of Indian Affairs T. J. Morgan, and Hon. W. P. Frye, who spoke on "American Shipping." Henry C. Bowen of the Independent was the master of ceremonies.

RUNNING RACES.

Results of Yesterday's Races on the Prominent Eastern Tracks.

CHICAGO, July 4.—At Washington Park to-day fully 30,000 were in attendance. The track was heavy, and the feature of the day was the Sheridan stakes, and which was won at the longest odds of the day by Newton. The summaries are:

Five furlongs, Miss Spot won, Belle Blackburn second, Darevela third. Time, 1:14½.

The second race was declared off.

One mile, Sir Bevys won, Content second, Gilford third. Time, 2:03½.

Sheridan stakes, sweepstakes for three-year-olds, $1500 added, one and a quarter miles, Newton won, Cicero second, Zaldivar third. Time, 2:32¼.

Six furlongs, heats, Guido won both heats, Shoshone second, Big Three third. Best time, 1:27½.

Handicap, one mile, Patrick won, Lord Willowbrook second, El Rayo third. Time, 2:00¼.

Six furlongs, Ruby Payne won, John Winfield second, Blevins third. Time, 1:30½.

Six furlongs, Ruth won, Rosemont second, Johnny Greener third. Time, 1:27½.

At Monmouth Park.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., July 4.—The Monmouth Park track was opened to-day under favorable circumstances for the first races on this track since 1890. The Law and Order Association's threats to arrest the bookmakers have kept the gates closed since then and trouble may now be expected. The results were:

Six furlongs, Correction won, Kingston second, Picnicker third. Time, 1:13½.

Six furlongs, St. Michael won, Comanche second, Spartan third. Time, 1:15.

Fourth of July handicap, one mile, first division, Tournament won, Madstone second, Reckon third. Time, 1:43.

Second division, Sir Matthew won, Candelabra second, Kildeer third. Time, 1:43¼.

Ocean stakes, one mile and an eighth, Longstreet won, Entre second. Time, 2:00.

Seven furlongs, Arab won, Fremont second, Volunteer third. Time, 1:29½.

Five and a half furlongs, Little Mid won, Rightaway second, Perrier third. Time, 1:08¾.

DEMOCRATS WILL STAND IN

To Help Snatch Kansas Out of the Republican Ranks.

TOPEKA, Kans., July 4.—The Democratic county conventions held throughout the State to choose delegates to the State convention which meets here on Wednesday show great diversity of opinion. There are three classes of delegates. One class favors the indorsement of the entire People's party ticket, another favors the nomination of straight delegates, and a third advocates the indorsement of such of the People's candidates as are acceptable. It is pretty well agreed, however, that the Democrats should support the People's party electoral ticket to help take Kansas out of the Republican column.

An American Murderer Pardoned.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—Samuel C. Graham, an American citizen, condemned to 20 years' imprisonment for the murder of a Mexican in the State of Jalisco, upon the recommendation of Congressman Springer and other citizens, has been pardoned by the Mexican Government.

Non-Union Stevedores Attacked.

DETROIT, Mich., July 4.—While a gang of non-union stevedores were unloading a vessel this morning a crowd of union men appeared and attempted to drive them away. A fight resulted, in which fully 100 men participated, and revolvers were used. William Hanrap received a bullet-wound in his arm and Luke Hawley, the leader of the union men, was wounded in the hand. Before the rioters could inflict any more injury the police appeared and twelve of the belligerents were arrested. Other arrests will follow.

SUICIDE AT SEA.

The Captain of a Steamer Neglected to Notify the Authorities.

NEW YORK, July 4.—In April last August Leyd, the manager of the International News Company, went to Baden-Baden for his health, where he died about a month ago. After closing up her husband's affairs Mrs. Leyd sailed for home on the steamer Saale, which arrived here to-day. On the way over she jumped overboard and was drowned. When the ship arrived here the captain neglected to report the suicide. The Health Officers of the port will investigate the case.

The Missouri Tornado.

ST. LOUIS, July 4.—Additional accounts of the tornado which passed over Audrian County Saturday night tell of great destruction to property and the painful injury of a number of persons. As far as heard from but one life was lost at Red Top, near Mexico.

The Illinois Division.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 4.—In to-day's races of the Illinois Division of the League of American Wheelmen the half-mile championship record was broken by L. D. Munger of Chicago, who made it in 1:05 1-5.

Hanlan Beat Hosmer.

HARTFORD, Conn., July 4.—Hanlan beat Hosmer about 10 feet to-day in a three-mile boatrace with three turns on the Connecticut River. Time 18 minutes and 55 seconds.

The Boat Swamped.

BALTIMORE, July 4.—Edward and George Schmit, W. Harrison and Peter Leo Tully were drowned yesterday by the swamping of a ferry-boat in Spring Gardens.

Trotting Record Lowered.

WILMINGTON, Del., July 4.—Belle Hamlin and Globe lowered the world's double-team record of 2:13 on the Maisle kite track to-day, making the distance in 2:12.

A Whole Family Drowned.

MEADVILLE, Pa., July 4.—Arthur Harelton, his wife and their little girl were drowned this afternoon by the capsizing of a skiff in French Creek.

CHOLERA SPREADING.

The Authorities Take No Steps to Guard Against It.

VIENNA, July 4.—The first fatal case of cholera at Baku occurred at the railway station to-day. The municipal authorities are doing nothing to prevent the spread of the disease. No special hospital has been opened and patients are taken to the general hospital in public vehicles. Many corpses have been left unburied for days. One body was found in the public bath badly decomposed. The doctors, the municipal authorities and the inhabitants generally are fleeing the town. No disinfectants are obtainable and general confusion prevails. The sanitary conditions at Strakhan are also terribly defective. Dr. Drasche in a letter yesterday said that experience showed that the cholera at Baku and in Tyria was less virulent than the true Asiatic cholera. He thought the gravity of the outbreak had been exaggerated, that the disease would soon be checked by sanitary measures and that there was no need of alarm or of apprehension of its spreading in Europe.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 4.—The official Gazette announces eight cases of cholera and three deaths in Astrakhan on June 30. There were four cases and one death on July 1. The epidemic had therefore entered European Russia at one of the most unhealthy and unsanitary points.

The latest official accounts from Baku say that on June 29 and 30 there were 118 deaths and 100 fresh cases, and that 20 cases had been cured and there were 144 in the hospital.

At Tiflis in the three days ending July 1 there were nine cases and four deaths. Many cases and deaths are reported in Petrofsk, Shemakka, Shusha, Askabad and Uzunada, and the epidemic had therefore traveled fast. All steamer traffic on the Caspian Sea and the Volga has been stopped.

GLADSTONE CONFIDENT.

The Liberal Leader Preparing for a Certain Victory.

NEW YORK, July 4.—Yates' special to the Tribune from London says: Gladstone, who is a great deal more confident than Macaulay ever was, has completed his ministerial arrangements before leaving town, and if the elections should give him a majority he will be able to form his administration with unprecedented celerity. He has not only formed his Cabinet and household on paper, but he has made preliminary arrangements for distributing many of the minor offices. Lord Rosebery, if the separatists come in, will not go to the Foreign Office with free hand, but will have to hold himself in subjection to Gladstone, whose policy in Egypt will be a bitter pill to his vivacious subordinate.

BRITISH ELECTIONS.

Returns Show That the Libera's Are Gaining a Number of Seats

LONDON, July 4.—Elections were held today in 64 burroughs. The returns thus far indicate that the Conservatives are retaining the burroughs by decreased majorities, while the Liberals are retaining their burroughs by greatly increased majorities and so far have captured a number of Conservative strongholds.

At this hour, 2 A. M., the totals are: Conservatives 49, Liberal-Unionists 7, Liberals 38; showing a Liberal gain of 11, and a Conservative gain of 2. The Liberal-Unionists gain 1. The Liberals thus start with fair promise of an ultimate majority.

In Lockport Louis J. Jennings, formerly editor of the New York Times, the Conservative candidate, was defeated by his Liberal opponent.

A VESSEL WRECKED.

An Iron Ship Lost Off Nova Scotia—Fourteen Persons Drowned.

YARMOUTH, Nova Scotia, July 4.—The iron ship Peter Sturt, bound from St. Johns for Liverpool with a cargo of deals, went ashore off Chebogn Point on Sunday evening. The ship broke up and all the boats but the lifeboat were smashed. In cutting away the lifeboat she capsized and the captain's wife and child were drowned. The boat was righted and 18 out of the 27 persons aboard started off in her. She again capsized and five more were drowned. The total loss of life is 14. Several of the rescued were badly bruised.

The British Grain Trade.

LONDON, July 4.—The Mark Lane Express says: English wheats are dull and 6d to 6s lower; foreign 6d lower. It is estimated that 3,360,000 quarters of foreign wheat and 100,000 sacks of flour have been placed in warehouse. Maize is weaker; oats have declined 3d, white American selling 17s. Rye is firmer; beans and peas 6d cheaper.

At to-day's market flour was weaker; English was in better demand than foreign. There was but little business in barley; grinding borts dropped 6d. There was a fair inquiry for maize; round corn fell 3d; other borts are unchanged. Oats and barley are lower. Beans and peas are neglected.

Earthquake in Mexico.

MEXICO, July 4.—On Saturday strong earthquake shocks were felt in Guadalajara. They were accompanied by unearthly subterranean noises, which created much terror. Some damage was done at Colima. There was a beautiful eruption of the Colima volcano last night, and the subterranean noises continued all day to-day.

Oldest Recorded Language.

Philadelphia Record.

Probably the oldest known specimens of recorded language in the world to-day are the inscriptions on the door-socket and brick stamps found at Niffer by the Babylonian exploration of the University of Pennsylvania, which has recently returned. The brick stamps, which are of yellow clay, about 4x5 inches and an inch in thickness, bear the names and titles of King Sargon and his son, Naram-Sin, who lived about 3800 B. C., and they were taken from the mound which covers the site of ancient Nippuru, with its famous temple of Baal. The expedition also found many other objects of interest, such as clay tablets containing contracts, lists of goods, temple incomes, art fragments and images sold by the temple fakirs. These throw much light on the history of the people as opposed to that of the kings, and the work of the expedition carries Babylonian records back 1000 years, to a time of which practically nothing has hitherto been known. The antiquities found are now in the museum of the University of Pennsylvania.

The best parchment used for banjos is made out of the skin of the wolf.

FATAL STABBING AFFRAY.

A Stockton Cook Cut by a Dishwasher.

RESULT OF CONTINUED PERSECUTIONS.

Wilson, the Oregon Fiend, Said to Have Been Captured—Tracked by Bloodhounds in the Dense Woods.

Special to THE MORNING CALL.

STOCKTON, July 4.—James Gettys, the colored cook of the Yosemite House, was very seriously stabbed this morning by John Sherman, the colored dishwasher of the hotel. The men had frequent quarrels, the cook being considered overbearing and faultfinding. It is said that finally Sherman said to-day that if Gettys did not stop his abuse he would hurt him. At this Gettys made for the dishwasher. The latter grabbed a large, keen-edged knife and when the cook approached close enough Sherman slashed as if to cut across the big fellow's throat.

The cook caught Sherman's right arm and held it while he gouzed at the dishwasher's eye. Sherman tried to use the knife but the colored steward came in and knocked the knife out of his hand. The cook and the dishwasher struggled around the kitchen for a minute until Sherman again got the knife, when he thrust it into Gettys' abdomen just above the left groin and ran out.

Gettys is a very large and flashy man and the wound may prove fatal. He was placed in a carriage and taken to his home, where he is now attended by his wife and a nurse. His physician fears the intestines are cut, as the knife was sharp and pointed. The wounded man is under opiates. Nothing can be learned of the result of his wound for a day.

Sherman took the first train out of town and was caught at Lathrop, where he had gone to hide. Sheriff Cunningham telephoned to arrest him and a constable found him. The Sheriff brought him to jail this afternoon. Gettys has a wife and six children, but Sherman is a single man. The latter is spoken of as a quiet, retiring man, while the cook is said to be overbearing and dictatorial in his place as head of the hotel kitchen.

LOST ONE LEG.

A Desperate Man Attempts to Commit Suicide in Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, July 4.—A fisherman named George Smith deliberately tried to kill himself about 9:30 o'clock this evening. He ran rapidly from a saloon toward the switchyard at the foot of I street and tried to throw himself under a passing engine. Failing to reach the engine he jumped under a car which was being set on a siding. He evidently tried to throw his body on a rail, but was knocked down by the trucks, and the wheels passed over his right leg above the knee, crushing it. His leg was subsequently amputated close to his body. He received some cuts and bruises about the head and body, but will probably survive his injuries. He is said to have thrown himself in front of an engine once before, while intoxicated. Smith has been engaged in fishing for five or six years, and lives on a scow anchored in the river. He is an Englishman and has no relatives so far as known.

HUNTED BY BLOODHOUNDS.

A Story That Wilson the Murderer Has Been Caught.

MCMINNVILLE, July 4.—It is reported here that Wilson, the murderer, who escaped from the officers on Saturday night while being conveyed to Salem, was recaptured with bloodhounds this afternoon. No further particulars are obtainable.

SALEM, Or., July 4.—The search continues in Simpson Canyon and surrounding country for Wilson, the escaped self-confessed murderer. The posse has been augmented from time to time all day and has scattered, taking in a wide scope of country. The belief now is that Wilson has got out of the canyon and is making his way to the mountains. All day reports of his capture have been coming in, but all upon diligent inquiry prove to be without foundation. Early this morning a house near Lambert's landing, south from Boyton, was burglarized, it is supposed by Wilson. A picnic lunch, revolver and rifle were stolen.

RAILROAD EXTENSION.

The Union Pacific Will Complete Its Line to Puget Sound.

PORTLAND, Or., July 4.—President Clark, of the Union Pacific Railway, arrived here last night on his first tour of inspection since his election to the presidency. When asked if the Union Pacific intended to complete their line between Portland and the Sound, he said: "Certainly we shall complete it. We have spent too much money on that line to let it stop now. I think the Great Northern will continue according to contract and help complete the road, but I cannot yet determine when work will be resumed."

Mr. Clark states that he found the entire system in good condition.

Sloopload of Chinese Drowned.

PORT TOWNSEND, July 4.—An unknown sloop bound across to the American side from Victoria was capsized near Race Rocks to-day. The barkentine Crocker observed the accident, but was unable to render any assistance on account of the strong wind. The sloop is thought to be a smuggler, as the customs authorities claim to have information that the sloop sailed from Victoria last night laden with contraband Chinese.

Died From His Injuries.

SAN DIEGO, July 4.—Information reached this city to-day of the death in Lower California of Captain Ernest G. W. Grosse. He was recently severely wounded by a discharged sailor who attacked him with a revolver, receiving serious wounds in return inflicted by Captain Grosse in self-defense. The captain was a native of Germany, 31 years of age, and had many friends in this city.

Mother and Babe Burned.

LOS ANGELES, July 4.—A fatal accident at Avalon, Catalina Island, occurred to-day. Mrs. Emil Chiffilet, the wife of the cook of the Hotel Metropole, and her four-month-old infant were burned to death by the explosion of a gasoline stove. The accident was caused by carelessness in filling the stove without extinguishing the blaze.

Three Brothers Drowned.

HURON, July 4.—Three sons of Elisha B. Martin, late of San Mateo County, were drowned in the King's River to-day. Their names were: Joseph, aged 27 years; Jack, aged 17 years, and Henry, aged 15 years.

A Steamboat Man Killed.

TACOMA, July 4.—During the celebration here to-day, Louis Gobrel, a steamboat man from Seattle, while aiding to fire a cannon was killed by its premature discharge. His head was almost blown off.

IN THE INTERIOR.

How the Coast Kept the Nation's Natal Day.

VALLEJO, July 4.—The day was celebrated in the old-time patriotic manner by the citizens. There was a parade in the morning, followed by literary exercises in Farragut Hall. During the day a commotion was raised by the impromptu discharge of over $100 worth of fireworks in front of the store of P. C. Zerdy. He had them out on a stand for sale, when a firecracker fell among them, causing their discharge. For a few minutes it looked as though a serious accident would occur, as several carriages with their occupants came near being run away with. No other accident occurred during the day.

NEVADA, July 4.—To-day's celebration was the most notable ever witnessed in the county. Grass Valley, North San Juan, North Bloomfield, Washington and other portions of the county were represented by large delegations. The morning procession included three brass bands, the uniformed Knights of Pythias and Foresters, the Native Sons, firemen and patriotic and trade floats and was over a mile in length. Hon. Grove L. Johnson of Sacramento was the orator of the day.

To-night there was a grand "devil's carnival," participated in by several hundred merry maskers and presenting scores of surprising and beautiful novelties in tableaux and pyrotechnics, followed by a firemen's ball.

WHITTIER, July 4.—Four companies of the Whittier State School Battalion joined the Los Angeles procession. The ladies of the Unitarian Church lunched them, and they attended the league game of ball and returned happy. They took their own band and drum corps.

STOCKTON, July 4.—The celebration today passed off quietly and was a very pleasant affair. The visiting parlors of the Native Sons from San Francisco and 200 wheelmen were in the parade. A masterly oration was delivered at the Avon Theater by Emanuel Wolf of this city, a student at the State University. The Fire Department was called out four times during the day, but the damage was very light, a small cottage worth $500 being the principal loss. To-night the Stockton Native Sons and wheelmen gave a grand ball in Agricultural Pavilion.

NAPA, July 4.—Independence day was observed very quietly here, as most of the people were celebrating at Benicia or St. Helena. A grand ball was held this evening under the auspices of the Native Daughters of the Golden West in the opera-house. There was a fine display of fireworks at the Soda Springs. The weather during the day was delightful and cool.

CARSON, Nev., July 4.—Carson to-day was the scene of the grandest celebration ever witnessed in the State. In conjunction with the festivity of the Fourth the Seventh District G. A. R. of California met in reunion, accompanied by the Veteran Guard, 58 in number, and the Presidio band. The procession was nearly a mile long and contained military companies, bands, veterans, State, Federal and county officers and civilians. It was under the supervision of Grand Marshal George Hark. Not a single accident occurred throughout the day. Henry C. Dibble of the San Francisco bar delivered a magnificent oration from the east wing of the Capitol building.

Over 30 carloads of visitors arrived from different points, and the city is packed with G. A. R. men from one end to the other. Among the prominent arrivals from California are: T. C. Masteller, T. H. Goodman, general passenger agent of the Central Pacific; Judge J. M. Wallings of Nevada City; E. C. Seymour, Sheriff of San Bernardino County; Detective Knight, Major J. B. Lauck and Captain Joe Knowlton, of the Southern Pacific Company. Order prevails everywhere, and the town's guests have been tendered the freedom of the city.

To-morrow they meet at Odd Fellows' Hall to form a district reunion and set the place for the next reunion. They will also be taken to all points of interest around Carson.

On Wednesday the ranchers from the valleys will take all who desire to go into "the country flowing with milk and honey," after which the celebration will come to a close.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 4.—Independence day was observed here to-day in a very quiet manner. Aside from the literary exercises at the theaters in the afternoon and fireworks in the evening, there was no public demonstration.

AUBURN, July 4.—Auburn celebrated the Fourth to-day at the Agricultural Park under the auspices of Hose Company 2. O. F. Seavey was president of the day, Professor P. W. Smith reader and G. W. Hamilton orator. There was a large crowd and the celebration was a big success.

At Forest Hill, this county, L. L. Chamberlin was orator. There was also a celebration at Lincoln. The weather has been extremely hot for several days, the thermometer running as high as 104, but it is cooler to-day.

At Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—Independence day was observed here with unusual enthusiasm. The societies of Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of Revolutionary Sires held a joint literary celebration, with exercises appropriate to the day. At the conclusion of the indoor celebration the societies, escorted by the Washington Light Infantry troops, marched to Washington monument, where a salute of 13 guns greeted them. From a platform near the monument the Declaration of Independence was read by Henry Bulkley, and addresses were delivered by Hon. John Goode of Virginia and Henry Wise Garnett of this city. The members of the National Board of Managers of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the members of Mary Washington and Dolly Madison chapters of the society were also present at the church and on the monument grounds and participated in the exercises. President Harrison and Secretary Rusk honored the occasion by their presence, and the former gave hearty approval to many of the good points made by the speakers. A singular phenomenon attracted much attention and was referred to by both of the orators. Just as the reading of the Declaration had commenced a circular rainbow surrounded the top of the monument. It was brilliant and constant, remaining in the same place for more than half an hour.

WOUNDS WITHOUT HURTING.

A Humane Bullet Invented by General Tweedie.

General Tweedie has designed a bullet which is thought highly of by English ordnance experts, and is, in their opinion, something that will meet a long-felt want. The new small-bore bullet has been found to pass through living animals in less sensitive parts without their being aware that they have been struck at all. This is due to the combination of high velocity and small diameter. In war the object is to disable men, and this is often more effectually fulfilled by wounding than killing, because a wounded man at the moment requires one or two men to look after him, while the dead man is for the time let alone. If the wound, however, is one that hardly makes its existence known, the immediate object may not be answered. A savage especially would despise a wound of this character. If the bullet strikes bone the effect is different, because bone splinters terribly under a blow at high velocity, but the New York Times says that for what are called flesh wounds the smallbore is "nowhere."

General Tweedie's bullet has a mantlet or case, which is closed at the base and open at the head, the mantlet ending about halfway between the shoulder and the point. The result is that on striking, the head spreads or "mushrooms" so as to make the bullet, after having the advantage of a small diameter in fight, to become on impact practically one of large bore, the main difference being that the energy consists more in velocity and less in weight than was the case in an old large-bore ball.

It is also said to be much more efficient against thin iron or steel plate, for the same reason, namely, that it makes a much larger hole and acts particularly well in oblique impact. Of course it will be clearly understood that this is only in cases in which the plate is outmatched by the bullet.

As the chief objection to the bullet is that it will not do the work of an armor-piercing projectile, that objection can stand, says a prominent ordnance authority, and as the Tweedie bullet possesses almost all of the qualities required it seems very probable that extensive experiments will be made to prove its superiority to other small-arm bullets in use to-day.

WEALTH THRUST UPON HIM.

An Obvious Moral to a Very Gauzy Tale From the East.

The Niagara Falls Gazette stands sponsor for the following story in regard to an Eastern man's bad habits and good fortune:

Some years ago a man living not many hundred miles from Medina was so foolish as to get drunk. He was not addicted to the use of liquor, and he was surprised himself that he got so full. He was more surprised, however, when he sobered up to find in an inside pocket a deed to some Chicago land. It was made out in his name and was quite perfect in its make-up. How it came to be in his pocket or where it came from he could not explain. He had not been talking real estate to any one while sober and knew of no one who had been with him.

The fact that he had been relieved of some money told him that some one had entertained the idea that an even exchange was no robbery. It was clear that the parties who had taken his cash had given him the deed. The manner in which he had gotten it told him that it was not prized over highly by the former owners. Like a sensible man, ashamed of the occurrence, he said nothing about the loss or find. He quietly paid the taxes on the property, which were not heavy, and never went to look at the land.

The best of it all happened the other day, when he received an offer of $20,000 for the property. The boom the Garden City is enjoying through the location of the World's Fair had increased the value of the property to this extent. The offer was refused, and now the man is more deeply interested than ever in the land.

Cost of Keeping an Elephant.

All the elephants used in the Indian army as draught animals in the artillery or commissariat, or as baggage animals in the transport department, are very carefully attended to and in every way treated with the greatest consideration. Their keep is about 30 rupees, or $17, per day, including, of course, the wages of their mahout and grasscutter. They are fed principally on unhusked rice and grass; of the former they get about 250 pounds and of the latter about 400 pounds per diem.

Distance Lends Enchantment!

Maud had a fine figure, good face and pretty name. One should see her at a distance. When she began to talk, you realized that she never used SOZODONT. Her breath was unlike the breezes of Araby the blest.

A 110-ton gun can fire two shots a minute, each discharge costing $1375.

RACING AT OAKLAND.

Three Trots and a Running Race Hotly Contested.

Tippoo Tib, Pegasus and Mollie Patchen Capture the Harness Events and Folly the Five-Furlong Dash.

The races at the Oakland Trotting Park yesterday attracted quite a crowd, although the counter attractions were so numerous. The new ladies' balcony was thronged with the fair sex and their escorts, while the members' stand was well filled. There were five events on the programme, three trots and two running races, but the half-mile dash and repeat did not fill. The four events, however, gave the judges all the work they could do to get them through before dusk and when the last heat was trotted it was past 6 o'clock.

In the free-for-all trot, three heats in five, A. C. Dietz's gallant little bay gelding Tippoo Tib had the foot of all his opponents and he won the race under a big pull in three straight heats. He sold favorite in the few pools disposed of.

THE 2:50 TROT.

After the five-eighths running dash four competitors were driven out for the 2:50 trot. The purse produced five well-contested heats, Pegasus taking the last three heats and race. It seemed clear to the spectators that the little brown mare Leta May possessed the greatest speed, but her chances were spoiled by the unmerciful dose of the whip given her by Laferty, her driver, when scoring for the fourth heat. She is a high-mettled animal of fine breeding, and never thoroughly settled down in her gait after the punishment she received. Harry I took the first two heats, but could not keep his feet afterward, Pegasus beating him handily. The time made was very fair for the class.

The purse for the three-minute class attracted three starters. S. B. Wright's Earthquake won the first heat under a drive from Con Brio, but pulled up dead lame and his owner was compelled to withdraw him. E. B. Jenning's brown mare Mollie Patchen then captured the next three heats and race, always having the measure of Mansfield's stallion, who, however, made a horserace of it in the concluding heat. The following are the summaries of the harness races:

SUMMARY.

Oakland, Cal., July 4, 1892. Trotting; free for all.

A. C. Dietz's b. g. Tip, o'Tib	1 1 1
A. L. Hing's b. m. Laura B	2 2 3
Oakwood Park stock farm's b. g. Charles Derby	3 3 2

Time, 2:28—2:31—2:27.

Same day. Trotting; 2:50 class.

W. McLean's b. s. Pegasus	2 3 1 1 1
E. B. Jenning's b. s. Seattle	4 4 3 4 4
H. Elce's b. g. Harry I	1 1 2 2 3
Oakwood Park stock farm's br. m. Leta May	3 2 4 3 2

Time, 2:59—2:52½—2:49—2:45—2:44½.

Same day. Trotting; 3-minute class.

E. B. Jenning's br. m. Mollie Patchen	3 1 1 1
O. Mansfeld's b. s. Con Brio	2 2 2 2
S. B. Wright's b. g. Earthquake	1 wind

Time, 2:36—2:51½—2:54—2:56.

There were three starters in the running race, a five-furlong dash, Folly, Mount Collis and Relay, each packing 115 pounds. The first-named sold favorite and justified the confidence reposed in her by jumping off with the lead and keeping it, winning by a length and a half in 1:06 from Mount Collis, who beat Relay for the place by half a length. The half-mile heat race only secured one entry and was declared off. The judges of the day were W. R. Birmingham, A. C. Cohen and R. Lappan.

It was announced during the day that Mr. Wright had made arrangements with several trainers and owners to bring down their strings of horses after the Eureka meeting, and there will then be regular running meetings held every Saturday on the Oakland track.

THE FIRE RECORD.

A Few Alarms in the Daytime, but Many at Night.

The department was turned for a starter at 2:20 o'clock in the morning, in answer to a call from box 158. A two-story frame building at 66 Shipley street, owned by Mrs. Griffin, was damaged to the extent of $100, and the building adjoining, number 68, got it for about the same amount. Number 66 was occupied by Gratt Boyd, and 68 by Timothy Riordan. The latter is owned by a man named Goldstein. The contents of both houses were damaged to the extent of $50. The cause was fireworks.

Box 173 called the firemen out again at 1:31 P. M. This was for a chimney fire at 1334 Buchanan street.

Box 186 was turned in at 1:59 o'clock. This was for a two-story frame building at 247 Perry street, owned by Frank Griffin, and occupied by Elizabeth Lunney. Damage $10. Cause, fireworks.

Box 52 rang in at 2:15. The fire was in a one-story frame shed in the rear of John Rosenfeld & Sons' coalyard, on Beale street, between Mission and Howard. Damage $5, cause fireworks.

Box 147 was turned in at 5:14 o'clock for a blaze in the one-story frame building at 700 Shotwell street, owned by J. K. Sims, and used by J. E. Whittier as a barn. Damage to building $50 and to contents $50.

Box 341 came in at 6 o'clock. It was a chimney fire at 1715 Eddy street, in the residence of Mrs. Brooks.

Box 75 was turned in at 7:41 for a blaze at 1117 Market street, in the second-hand clothing store of J. Cohen. The amount of damage was $250. It is believed the fire was the work of an incendiary.

Box 321 was rung in at 8:30 P. M. for a $5 blaze in the two-story frame dwelling occupied by S. Huffman at 2531 California street.

Box 237 was turned in before the engines got back to their houses. Detective John Coffey's house at 1912 Dolores street was injured to the extent of $25.

James Flannagan's two young children set their father's house at 26 Allen street, off Union, afire with fireworks, and called the department out at 9:35. The building, which is owned by W. J. Sloan, was damaged $50 worth.

Two still alarms were turned into patrol 2 in the afternoon. One was from 10 Willow avenue; damage $10. Michael Flood's house at Ellis and Polk streets was damaged to the extent of $20 by the premature explosion of a toy volcano.

District Engineer John Dougherty had a narrow escape from death at a little $5 fire at 34½ Rausch street. While climbing up a rickety ladder the rotten wood gave way, and he fell 20 feet. He was carried out on a door and put in patrol wagon 2 and taken to his home at 321 Sixth street.

A $50 fire occurred in the residence of Mrs. Margaret Powellsen at 1523 Golden Gate avenue, which was put out by the lady's son.

Box 217, time 10:40—Two-story frame dwelling 2410 Geary street, owned by J. Levy. Damage to building $50 and to contents $25. Cause, fireworks.

Box 267, time 10:54—Shanty on Serpentine avenue, between Sixteenth street and Corbett road. Cause, fireworks.

Box 139, time 11:45—Three-story frame building, owned by John McHugh, 732 O'Farrell street. Damage to building $10. Cause, fireworks.

Box 49 turned in the fire of the day at midnight. The fire started in the cellar of the Verein Eintracht, 316 Post street, and worked up through a wooden shaft to the roof. The bar on the lower floor was completely gutted, and the gymnasium back of it was damaged by smoke. The department did good work and saved the building. The damage was variously estimated from $2000 to $3000. The cause is as yet unknown.

Box 64 was turned in at 12:20 o'clock A. M. for a $25 blaze at 422 Natoma, in the two-story frame building owned and occupied by J. H. Kelly. Cause, fireworks.

The alarm turned in at 1:30 o'clock this morning was for a fire in a stable at 2228 Union street. The building was totally destroyed.

CLEVER ROGUES IN ASIA.

Hindoos Will Work for Days in Order to Make a Quarter Dishonestly.

It is doubtful if any race of swindlers can quite equal the Asiatic. The smile, which is childlike and bland, of the accomplished Chinaman, often masks a profundity of cunning that the Caucasian cannot rival. Even the mild Hindoo has a faculty for fraud that is not always suspected. In the bazaars of Calcutta and Bombay the vilest poison is sold to the English sailors as whisky or brandy in bottles branded with a reliable dealer's name. Jack pays the price of the genuine article, but is supplied with a villainous compound of native concoction. The dealer knows the value of brands. He lays in a stock of genuine bottles and never disturbs labels or capsules. By the skillful application of the blowpipe he drills a small hole in the bottom, draws off all the genuine liquid, replaces it with his poisonous stuff, closes up the hole so that no trace remains, and palms off the bottle on unsuspecting Jack as real "Martell" or "Fine old Irish." The abstracted liquor, of course, always sells on its own merits elsewhere, says the Yankee Blade.

Another ingenious device of the mild Hindoo is to drill a hole in the thickness of a rupee, and then scrape out the silver from the inside, leaving only a sort of shell, without damaging the impression on the rim. Lead is then poured gently in, mixed with some alloy, which gives the requisite ring, and the hole is carefully closed. Only a keen and experienced eye can detect the imposture. The silver which is thus abstracted will be worth nearly a shilling, and the manipulator has still his rupee to spend. But the operation may occupy him the greater part of a week, during which time he might have earned two rupees by honest work. In fact, it may be said that if the ingenuity and talent which are applied to swindles were directed to legitimate ends, the rewards would be both greater and more continuous than in the precarious and hazardous harvests of frauds.

The Universal Mosquito.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

"I have been as far south as Patagonia and as far north as Iceland," said Captain Frank Bowers, now at the Laclede, "and I have yet to find a country that is not infested by mosquitoes. It is the general opinion that these pests are confined to warm countries, but that is a mistake. In the short summers of Iceland they fairly swarm, and a man may get all the bites he can take care of in the Straits of Magellan if he goes there at the proper time. Mexico was a terra incognita to the mosquito until a few years ago, but he is plentiful enough there now. It is said that they were imported, with much other undesirable livestock, from the United States. If that be true I do not wonder at the dislike with which the descendants of the Moutezumas regard the Americans."

Of the 328,000 divorces granted in the United States the past 20 years, 316,000 were granted at the request of wives.

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