PORTSMOUTH LOCAL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS.
Continued.

MR. ELLSWORTH KNOTT APPOINTED.

The position of second clerk in the office of Commodore Farquhar has been vacant since Mr. Archie Robertson resigned to accept the chief clerkship in the commandant's office of one of the new naval stations in Cuba.

Since that time a number of applications have been made for the position, which is under civil service, and the winner, as a matter of course, was compelled to stand examination in competition with others who were just as anxious as he to receive the appointment. According to information received in this office, Mr. Ellsworth Knott, of Toledo, Ohio, received the appointment to the vacancy.

The gentleman has not reported as yet, and will not for several days to come, as the weather is not very favorable just now for those in a hurry to reach us.

THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Col. K. R. Griffin, chairman Relief Committee Stonewall Camp, C. V., begs to acknowledge the receipt of and to express his thanks to Messrs. T. H. Hundley and H. W. Hodges for their timely donations of $5 for the relief of the widows and orphans of said camp. The donations come in such good time that he cannot help but express himself as above, with the assurance that it will be applied at once as the donors wish.

HIS SKULL WAS FRACTURED.

Last night about 8:15 o'clock a very serious accident happened on Crawford street, near High. Our well-known townsman, Mr. James F. O'Connor, having the misfortune to fall to the sidewalk, striking on the back of his head and sustaining a fracture of the skull. Dr. A. A. Bilisoly was summoned and that gentleman found Mr. O'Connor as stated and at once ordered that he be sent home, which was done, a carriage being procured and the injured gentleman driven to his residence, 207 Second street.

WHAT CURIOSITY DID.

On Monday the snow plow, which was built at the Seaboard Air Line shops, started up the road to clear the track. When it reached Branchville the agent and all of his family, including the baby, turned out to see it work. When the train passed they were all completely covered up in snow and it was several minutes before the baby was found. It was uninjured and lying as comfortably as a bug on a rug. This is what curiosity did for them.

A QUIET MARRIAGE.

A quiet marriage was celebrated last night at the residence of Mr. Walter Clark, on Effingham street, near Queen. The contracting parties were Mr. Lloyd M. Partin and Miss Lizzie Shane. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Beadles in the presence of the immediate family and a few relatives, after which the bridal couple went to the home of the groom, at 703 South street, where they will reside.

TWO YEARS IN THE PENITENTIARY.

Arthur Christmas, a well-known jail bird, was tried yesterday in the Hustings Court for the robbery of Schlesburg's store, and was given two years in the penitentiary. He has been in jail several times for stealing, but this time he was not lucky enough to draw a jail term.

America has sold to other nations more products than ever before, the figures being $1,230,000,000 this year, against $1,099,714,807 last year, a gain of more than $130,000,000 in one year, and a gain of $405,000,000 over 1895.

Paper collars are being turned out by only two firms in this country, one in Boston, and the other in New York. Their total annual output is from 20,000,000 to 25,000,000 collars.

The establishment of a large electrical power plant, to be run by gas engines, and to utilize the surplus gases from the by-product of coke ovens, at Dunbar, Pa., has been proposed.

Prospectors from the United States are multiplying in Porto Rico. They include engineers and capitalists who are looking for opportunities to build electric or other railways.

The demand for paper bags in South America and Australia has increased. These countries desire a good grade, and seem to prefer the bags made in this country.

The Queen of Sweden possesses an immense fortune, which she owes to the gambling tables at Wiesbaden. She did not win the money by gambling at the tables. Her brothers were the proprietors, and she inherited the wealth accumulated by them.

BERKLEY.

Mr. S. B. Upton, Berkley's enterprising barber, has sold out his shop here and will leave this morning for Elizabeth City, N. C., on a business trip.

He fined them. That is what Mayor McCoy did yesterday morning for Henry Walker, Elias Bucktrout, Frank Winston, N. W. Carter, all colored. They were arraigned before His Honor for engaging in a row at Page's bat, uptown. He taxed them each $3 and costs.

While Mrs. Shafer, of Lee street, was out sleigh riding yesterday with two of her children, the sleigh upset and threw them out, inflicting a very painful wound on one of the children. It is not serious, however.

Mr. W. C. McKinley, who was badly wounded a few days ago, was out yesterday looking after his business.

The large sky light in the store of Mr. Moses Saulsburg, on Liberty street extended, gave way yesterday under the weight of a large quantity of snow, precipitating a respectable snow storm in his dry goods department, to the dismay of the clerks.

The marriage of Mr. Henry Crowe and Miss Ester Goodman, which was to have taken place on the 14th instant, and was postponed on account of the blizzard, will take place to-night at Pythian Castle at 8 o'clock. We are requested to state that all who received invitations to attend on the first named date are expected to attend to-night.

Mrs. J. T. Howard is quite sick at her residence, on Liberty street.

Miss Grace Howard is suffering of pneumonia at her parents' residence, on Liberty street.

Mr. Cyrus Spence, who has been receiving medical attention at St. Vincent's Hospital for the past several weeks, has returned to his home, on Liberty street, greatly improved.

Miss Mary Cox, who has been confined to her room for some days by sickness, was able to be out yesterday.

Some unknown party entered the store of Mr. L. P. Eley, at South Norfolk, Tuesday night and stole about $100 worth of goods in gents' furnishings.

William, the little son of Mr. George T. Tilley, is sick of diphtheria at their home, on Main street.

The Tunis planing mill began operation again yesterday, after a two weeks' shut down.

The old shed at the cook shop near the station-house, on Main street, collapsed yesterday under the weight of the snow.

A CORRECTION.

The report in yesterday's issue of the funeral exercises of Mr. Thornton S. Wilson contained several mistakes. We give herewith a correct report. The funeral exercises took place Sunday afternoon from the residence of his father, Mr. B. F. Wilson, at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Baker, pastor of Oakdett M. E. Church. The following were the pall-bearers: Vernon Borum, Ed. Smith, Thomas Dowdy, Wickliff Snelling, Fred. Dowdy, Paschal Paxon, Merle Newton, Mr. Paxton. Remains were buried in Magnolia Cemetery.

Mr. Jacob Goodman has found a stray cow, black, and is caring for her at his home, on Liberty street. See advertisement in another column.

Rev. T. C. Skinner, who has been confined for the past week, was out yesterday.

A representative of the Russian government is in this country studying our telephone systems, with a view to introducing improvements in Russia.

SMALLEST REPUBLIC IN EUROPE

There is only one republic in the world that has endured for sixteen centuries and its name is San Marino. It lies out of the track of tourists and has neither picture galleries nor palaces and differs from the opera bouffe principalities of Europe in that it is historically interesting as the most conspicuously successful essay in government the world has ever known.

The army consists of nine companies of infantry and numbers less than 1,000. As the entire population is only 8,000, this is a high percentage. Every able-bodied man between 18 and 55 is a soldier. The bulk of the income of the republic comes from the lands and lordships it has purchased or inherited from landowners.

Absolute political and personal freedom have ever been the aspirations of the citizens of this model republic. To such an extent have the first principles of freedom been carried upon Mount della Guaja that direct taxation is and has been always virtually unknown. Little more than $1,000 of its annual budget of $4,500 a year is raised by direct taxes. There is always a surplus which averages about $500 annually. The heaviest item of expenditure is education, which costs about $3,500 a year. The disbursements of the war office are less than $1,750 per annum, notwithstanding that every male citizen, with a few exceptions, has to pass through the ranks.

The system of government in San Marino has varied but slightly in detail and not at all in principle during the last 1,600 years, although the republic was not proclaimed until the end of the fifteenth century. There has always been a kind of parliament, called the arringo, in which the affairs of the State have been discussed. Originally the arringo was a general assembly of the male heads of the households, but when an augmented population rendered this method of legislation clumsy, power was delegated to a self-elected sovereign council of sixty members—forty town and twenty country members—which succeeded to the designation of arringo. The executive power is and for centuries has been, exercised by two "captains-regent," each of whom is elected for six months only, the dates of election being April and October.

King Humbert, of Italy, takes great delight in amateur cooking, in which he shows no mean skill.

The ex-Empress Eugenie has some Hibernian blood in her veins, being the descendant of an Irish soldier of fortune, who made a name for himself in Spain.

Quite a number of United States Senators will soon leave for Europe. Senator Aldrich goes in a few days, Senator Lodge has engaged passage for March 22, and Senator Hale gets out but a little later.

EXPANSION.

Warnings From Cleveland, Bryan and Carnegie.

[From the Atlanta Journal.]

In response to requests from the editor of the Journal for expressions of their views on the Philippine question the following replies were received from ex-President Cleveland, Hon. W. J. Bryan and Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

The letters of Mr. Cleveland and Mr Carnegie were written before the ratification of the treaty by the Senate.

The telegram from Mr. Bryan was written, as it shows, in the light of these events.

FROM MR. CLEVELAND.

To the Editor of the Journal:

Dear Sir—My opinions on the subject of expansion have been very plainly expressed and through agencies that ought to secure their wide dissemination. I do not assume that they are of any value or influence; if they are my fellow-citizens already have, or ought to have, the benefit of them; if they are neither valuable or influential why should I reiterate them?

If there is anything that can arrest the attention or challenge the thought of our people in their mad rush toward yawning disaster, it is more likely to be the earnest, well informed and patriotic warnings of the decent press than anything else.

Yours truly,
GROVER CLEVELAND.

FROM MR. BRYAN.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 8, 1899.

To the Editor of the Journal:

The battle of Manila does not affect settlement of the Philippine question. Whether this nation will adopt a colonial policy does not depend upon anything the Filipinos have done or can do, but upon the wishes of our own people. I have confidence that the American people, when they have a chance to speak, will reject imperialism and militarism and remain true to the doctrine of self government.

W. J. BRYAN.

FROM MR. CARNEGIE.

To the Editor of the Journal:

You ask me to say something upon the expansion question.

I am delighted to see that the South takes ground upon this question much more truly American than the North, and especially than the West, probably because it has had a little experience of the race problem.

If the public men of the United States could obtain an insight into the workings of the dependencies, (not the colonies) the dependencies of Great Britain, the case against expansion would be closed.

The influence of a superior race upon an inferior race in the tropics is injurious, demoralizing, and never elevating. There is no basis for the claim that American troops in the Philippines can be of service as missionaries; on the contrary troops as a rule require missionaries themselves more than the Filipinos.

There is no basis for the claim that the United States will increase its commerce by the possession of these unhealthy climes. The President has given the trade away to the nations nearer to it than we. The "open door" to the foreigner means the "closed door" to the American.

There is no basis for the claim that distant possessions will add to the power of our country. On the contrary they will render it less prosperous in peace and more vulnerable in war.

There is no basis for the claim that we are an imperial world power or can become such, until we change our habits. The republic is an industrial hive, without army and without navy in comparison with the armies and navies of imperial powers. When the lion desired to imitate the shark even the monkeys on the trees laughed in derision. The republic is the lion and before it can play the imperial shark it needs imperial armies and imperial navies like the other imperial sharks. We are only making ourselves ridiculous with our war lord at our head, and only three battleships and 50,000 troops at his back.

Aspirations for independence once raised in a people cannot be suppressed. There is no substitute for nationality. We cannot conquer the Filipinos, and, if we did, they would be a thorn in our flesh. Imperialism is the craze of the hour. True Americanism, such as the South now stands for, is for all time.

I congratulate the South upon its adherence to the principles of Washington and Jefferson, which are bound to prevail.

ANDREW CARNEGIE.

The Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, has had the rather uncommon experience of having three mothers-in-law during her married life—her husband's father, the Duke of Argyll, having been married three times.

General Otis, the commander of our forces in the Philippines, is said to be a man of laconic speech, who rarely utters more than one short sentence at a time, but who manages to make that sentence epigrammatic and full of meaning.