### THE YEAR 1874.

### A Look Back at the Notable Events of the Twelve Months.

Another twelvemonth has passed into history. It has not been a year crowded remarkable events. Great wars, or political convulsions, have not occurred -events that fix dates in our minds most The Ashantee war came to an end as certainty which prevail in Spain, and

the year began. The civil disorders in that a majority of the people of Spain Spain have lasted through the whole were agreed, and had declared that he twelve months, but nearly as much ink only is "the rightful representative of has been shed in describing them as there—the Sparish measurely. has been blood spilled. War at one time threatened between China and Japan, with reference to the island of Formosa. The quarrel was peacefully arranged. The Dutch war against the says an American naval officer writing Achinese still continues. There was a from the Sandwich Islands, for every short rebellion in the Argentine Re- subject to go at least once a year to the public. In the United States there were residence of the King with a gift.

deed, the year 1874 may take rank as one of the healthiest years of which we have any record. Famine, however, attacked British India and Asiatic Tur- tary gifts-often nothing more than a

In India the evil was greatly lessened by the prompt action of government, homage to their chief. Sometimes a re-The supply of food was kept in the fractory pig, unconscious of the honor country, and distributed at the important about to be conferred upon him, breaks points. There was not a little suffering, from the ranks, and has to be carried; and some deaths followed; but when the famine of 1874 is compared with earlier crow, giving a ridiculous touch to the Indian famines, it seems but a trifling picture. If it could be supposed that Comberland county, Me., was knocked down the residence of Milo Ruggles, at Put-in-Bay, disaster. With the means now at the one-hundredth part of the pyramid piled in his office and the safe robbed of between Ohio, was burned, and his mother, sister, and command of the civilized world, a great before the palace was cooked for dinner, famine can now be only the result of in- the tables would, indeed, have grouned. dolence and neglect. Turkey, being less

advanced than India, suffered more. less numerous than usual. There have thanks over, been wrecks, railroad accidents, fires and floods, but they have not been so terrible in their effects as in some former years.

While there has been such a marked absence of the great destroyers of life and property, the crops of the world have been prodigious. There are always exceptions to general prosperity, and in Kansas and Nebraska the farmers have suffered from the grasshopper plague; but altogether the earth has not yielded so abundantly as in 1874 for very many years. Farmers everywhere have more produce than they can sell at a profit. Abundant crops always bring commercial prosperity, and we may confidently expect that this year's overflowing harvest will not prove an exception.

Business throughout the world, and especially in the United States, has been The effects of the panie of 1873 are still felt. Recovery from dis-aster of any kind is necessarily slow, and another year must probably pass before business can regain the prosperity of eighteen months ago. But the excellent harvest of 1874, as we have said. will greatly contribute to the return of

Important political changes have taken place during the year. In the United States, the Republican party has been badly defeated. In England, Parliament was dissolved early in the year. The new House of Commons is strongly conservative, causing the liberal government of Mr. Gladstone to resign, and bringing in the tory government of Mr. Disracli.

Two or three cabinet changes have taken place in France, and that country seems to be on the eve of other important events. Spain has passed under the dictatorship of Marshal Serrano. Italy has had a Parliamentary election which resulted favorably for the government. Germany, too, has elected a new Reichstag, and has been excited over what is called the persecution of Catholic bishops and priests. Austria and Russia have had neither internal nor external disorder, and no startling events of moment, except what have been already mentioned, have taken place in Asia, the effort is made. Let the housewife Africa or South America.

The list of the dead of 1874 contains some great names. That which comes nearest home to the largest number of This is a duty, yet not a prompting of hearts is the death of Charles Sumner. France has mourned over Guizot. Music has lost the sweet voice and the charming presence of Madame Parepa Rosa. January we first heard of the death of Dr. Livingstone, the great African explorer. Kaulbach, the great German painter; M. Van de Meyer, one of the founders of the Belgian monarchy; Herr von Mallinekvodt, a German political leader of great influence; Jules Michelet, a famous author; Lunalilo, King of the Sandwich Islands; Shirley Brooks and Tom Hood, two English humorists; Chang and Eng, the Siamese twins; and many others will be called to mind as having departed this life during the past

The year 1875 is full of promise. July the United States enters upon the one hundredth year of its existence as a nation. Let us hope it will be the be ginning of a new era of prosperity. For ourselves, it is important that we should look upon each additional year of life as a fresh opportunity for self-improvement, and so act that when its history is reviewed we may have nothing to regret.

Lost Her Jewels.-The Countess of Dudley waited for the train in the Paddington station, and Miss Scott, an attendant, held the precious case which contained the countess' jewelry. It was heavy, and Miss Scott put it down; but she put her foot on it, in order that any casual observer might be informed of its great value by this queer precaution. Miss Scott's vigilance slept. In conversation she forgot the case for a few moments, and when she remembered it it was gone. It is still gone.

At the hot springs of Aishan, India, some six years ago an Englishman wantonly dropped a mangy curinto the public bath. The people took great offence at this act, and to this day refuse to afford village, or even to exchange a word with

### Alfonso XII, the Spanish King.

The Prince who has just been declared King of Spain is in his eighteenth year. His mother, the ex-Queen Isabella L, was compelled to quit Spain on the success of the revolution of 1868, and took up her residence at the chateau of Pau, placed at her disposal by the French Emperor. From there she issued a protest (Sept. 30, 1868,) against the new order of things in Spain, the Provisional government having declared her forfeiture of the throne. On the 25th of June, 1870, she renounced all her claims to the Spanish crown in favor of her son, Alfonso. The royal exiles have resided alternately at Paris and Geneva since. In the election in the Cortes for a king, the Prince of Asturias received eight votes, ten others of his adherents easting their votes in blank. From Geneva, the ex-Queen issued a protest against the election of Amadeus to the throne. Don Alfonso meanwhile was receiving the usual education of a Bourbon Prince, under the supervision of priests and Spanish courtiers who still adhered to the fortunes of the exiles, until last October, when, by permission of the British government, he was admitted to the Military School at Sandhurst, England, where he remained until he received the invitation to visit the Spanish army of the North and acted upon it. On Dec. 22d an address of

A Native "Thanksgiving" Dinner.

congratulation was sent to him by Span-

ish grandees, to which he replied, as-

suring them that the monarchy alone

could terminate the disorders and un-

It is an old established custom here, insurrections both in Arkansas and usually consists of fruit, vegetables, Louisiana, but they were easily quelled.

No part of the world has been seriously affected by epidemic disease. Ininto the palace grounds with these offerbunch of bananas or a few roots of taro, (but the best they have)—thus render Whole boat loads were sent to the sailors dvanced than India, suffered more. of the Benecia, and there was still Disasters by sea and land have been enough left for all Honolulu to give

## About Newspaper Postage.

A vexed question has arisen under the new United States postal law compelling age in advance last June, and now they want to know by what right they are required to pay it anew from January 1. We don't know of any right, says the New York Son. Congress has no power to invalidate contracts, yet its new postal law does just this thing. Of course, as the publisher is compelled to pay from January 1, whether the subscriber has marder of the Haywood family last April. The was also filed by George D. Kelly, who was also paid in advance or not, he looks to the prisoner confessed the crime while on the ejected.... The United States ship Pensacola subscriber for reimbursement. We suppose, to meet such cases as that of our correspondent, it is competent for the estmaster-general to order the local stmaster to reimburse the subscriber. now evidently a wrong and a hardship,

# A Good Suggestion.

A saving woman at the head of the family is the very best savings bank established-one receiving deposits daily and hourly, with no costly machinery to manage it. The idea of saving is a Chicago with a knife wound in her side. Her pleasant one, and if the women would two little children are too young to give any acimbibe it at once, they would cultivate count of the mother's death. The husband and adhere to it, and when they are not said his wife died about nine o'clock. That he aware of it, would be laying the foundation of a security in a storm time and shelter in a rainy day. The woman who sees to her own house has a large field to work in. The best way to make her comprehend it is to have an account kept of all current expenses. Probably not one woman in ten has an idea how much are the expenditures of herself and family. Where from one to two thousand dollars are expended annually, there is a chance to save something if take the idea, act upon it, and she will a late murderer at St. Marie, in consecrated save many dollars-perhaps hundreds ground. The remains are interred for the where before she thought it impossible.

gence of a community is be found in the character of the newspapers which it supports. It may be taken for granted, as a rule, that the patronage of local newspapers is in proportion to the intelli-gence and thrift of the population that they are intended to serve; and though accepted Don Alfonso as King. The young Senate by what authority such military inter-of course the abilities of the conductors man is a son of ex-Queen Isabella, and eighteen vention and interference have taken place." of such journals have an important in- years of age. fluence upon their fortunes, the fact still remains that, as a rale, communities which support their local press liberally get in return newspapers which are creditable to the towns in which they are pub lished. A neatly-printed, handsome newspaper, with all its columns well filled, is a proof which rarely fails that it is issued in a prosperous, go-ahead town.

The Shakers' community at New Forest Lodge, near Lymington, in England, were ejected from their residence by the sheriff, acting for the mortgagee Twenty men and 111 women and chil dren were turned out, together with all their furniture, to the value of £1,000. Shelter was offered them, but they refused it, and stayed in the road all night singing and praying. The weath- years, amused themselves by building a fire in two years, practical experience in the use er was most inclement, snow and heavy rain falling throughout the night, ac companied by a strong east wind. The scene in the morning was beyond de-scription, whole families crouching together with such covering as they could obtain on the roadside, half perished with cold and hunger.

Forty-eight Young Men's Christian Associations own buildings to the value a foreigner any accommodation in their of two million dollars. There are nine hundred and forty Young Men's Christian Associations in this country.

### NEWS OF THE DAY.

Items of Interest from Home and Abroad.

George Reilly was convicted of burglary in

the second degree, in breaking into the mises Luther Bryant's room in New York, from which \$123,000 worth of money and valuables were tolen," He was sentenced to ten years in State prison.....Two men, captured in Pulaski ounty, Ark., a few weeks ago for robbing a store and boat in Yell county, were convicted in the Circuit Court at Little Rock, and sent to the penitentiary for five years. The men be longed to a gang of four who were supposed to be the Gadshillers . . . . Mrs. Cronk, of Wanaque, N. J., who was charged with killing James Luke, a neighbor, who frequently offered her insults, has been indicted for manslaughter, The Passaic county prosecutor made an effort to induce the grand jury to indict for murder in the first degree, but without success......Commodore Vanderbilt has purchased from Mr. B. Waterson, of New Jersey, the bay trotting gelding Boy for \$6,000 . . . . The election in Newburyport, Mass., for Mayor in place of Cushing, elected and declined, resulted in the choice of the Hon, B. F. Atkinson, Republican, over Eliphalet Griffin, Democrat, by 46 majority in a total vote of 1,352 . . . . . General Sheridan telegraphs that Captain Keyes has captured 52 Chevennes and 70 ponies at the north fork of the Canadian river. General Pope reports the surrender of 100 more hostile Chevennes and Arrapahocs to Lieut, Col. Neill at the agency ..... Chauncey Rose, of Terre Haute, Ind., made a donation to institutions located there of \$356,000, divided as follows: To the Terre Haute School of Industrial Science \$206,000, and to the Vigo county Orohans' Home \$150,000, He has before given large sums in benevolence and charity, including \$100,000 to the Ladies' Aid Society of Terre Haute, \$50,000 to Wabash College, and a large sum to charities in New York. He has also promised \$100,000 to the Indiana State Normal School, located there . . . . . The official of a spirit of deliance to all lawful authority Gazette of Berlin publishes Prince Dismarck's and an insecurity of life which is hardly reircular note of the 14th of May, 1872, which alized by the general government or the was read in the secret session of the Von-Arnim trial. The note declares that because of the declaration of the dogma of the infallibility of the Pope it is desirable that the powers should take steps toward concerted action in

John Murphy, who was finnged at Carson, impunity to all who choose to indulge in either, Nevada, for the murder of J. B. McCallum, and the civil government appears powerless to vas a native of Scotland, and at one time punish or even arrest. traveled with John C. Heenan, giving sparring M. D. McCornuck, road supervisor of the exhibitions . . . . Wharton Brothers & Co., iron Kansas Pacific railroad, and also Mayor of manufacturers, filed their petition in bank- Brookville, has been arrested and committed at ruptcy. The aggregate of the libilities of the Elisworth. Kansas, charged with embezzling firm is \$219,531. The assets are stated at large sums of money from the Kansas Pacific \$333,547......Thomas Pennell, Treasurer of railroad during the years 1868, '69, and '70,... in his office and the safe robbed of between Ohio, was burned, and his mother, sister, and \$8,000 and \$10,000. One of the robbers first sister's child was burned to death. Mr. Rugengaged his attention by asking to have a gles jumped from a window and was fatally incheek cashed and immediately afterward jured ..... Rachel Coward was sentenced to knocked him senseless. With the aid of a twenty years' imprisonment in New Brunswick confederate, the safe was plundered of its con- N. J., for killing Charles Ten Breeck. . . . Joseph tents. Mr. Pennell's pockets were also rifled. Shields, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The thieves escaped.....A terrific faction was killed at Princeton Junction......A large fight between the Dwyers and O'Briens at fire in Orangeburg, S. C., destroyed most of the kon's Mills in Templeton. Canada, took place on business portion of the town. The loss is Christmas day. There were seventeen of about \$200,000, with but little insurance. The publishers instead of subscribers to pay Dwyer's adherents to fifteen of O'Brien's. Meroney Hotel, the Orangeborg News building, the postage on their papers. Hundreds They fought until evening and every man had and all the stores on Russell street were de-Dwyer's adherents to fifteen of O'Brien's. Meroney Hotel, the Orangeburg News building, of letters are daily reaching publishers to be carried away. A priest tried to stop the troyed ..... The ex-King of the Two Sielles setting forth that they paid yearly post-fighting, but he was also beaten ..... The has visited Alfonso, and assured him that the superintendent of the New York State Asylum Counts Caserta and Earl will withdraw from the for the Insane says that Kate Steddard, who Carlist cause . . . . James Jeffries, a member of hilled Charles Goodrich in Brooklyn, is a hope-the Louisiana Legislature, has filed a suit in less lunatic ...... John Johnson, the murderer the United States Circuit Court against Generals of Andrew Johnson, was sentenced in Cleve- Sheridan, Emory, and De Trobriand, for \$100,land, Ohio, to be hanged on the 28th of April. | 050 damages for ejecting him from his sent in

view of the next Papal election.

Jeremiah Post, a farmer, of East Meadow, his home.....At Rotherham, England, an ex-Long Island, went to New York with a load of plosion of fire-damp took place in a coal mine, hay. On his return be stopped at Hemostead If the post-office department will receive and took several drinks. In the morning his the receipts of such subscribers from wife, alarmed at his absence, went to the barn. the publisher at value in part payment. There she saw the wagon overturned, and of weekly postage bills, every publisher found Mr. Post under the wagon, his neck will be happy to aid the department broken. The wagon was loaded with slabs, and the public in setting right what is and had been upset by piles of stones..... Since the famine set in in Asia Minor 50,000 persons have migrated from various parts of the country to the city of Adama, half of whom have since succumbed to disease. The strange climate, distress, and extreme rapaciousness of the tax-gatherers aggravate the mortality.

The following bins were reported adversely from the Finance committee, and indefinitely postponed: The House bill isking the amount of legal tender notes at e400,000,000. The House bill authorizing gold note banks to issue circulation to the extent of ninety per centum of the tax-gatherers aggravate the mortality.

John Goodman was hanged in Ottawa, for the the House of Representatives. A similar suit

....Mrs. Nolan was found dead in bed in Chicago with a knife wound in her side. Her went for help, and afterward not drunk, and failed to return. He professes to know nothing about his wife's wounds .....Two men, Fuller and Clemens, at Fredericksburg, Mo., quarreled about whisky, and Clemens shot Fuller with a placed on the calendar.

double-barreled shot gun, putting the contents The bill to remove the limitation restricting of two barrels into him. Fuller, although nearly blown to pieces, stabled Clemens, almost disemboweling him. Both men died....

Another case similar to the Guibord litigation is likely to arise out of the refusal of the Roman Catholic clergy to bury the remains of present in an unconsecrated portion of the This is a duty, yet not a prompting of avarice, but a moral obligation that rests upon the woman as well as upon the man.

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One of the surest indications by which the control the same increase of the control the same increase of the control the same increase of the control the organization of the General Assembly of the States of Louisi-

exceeds 1,300,000. It is claimed that the order now has over \$17,000,000 invested in elevators, grain warehouses, flour mills, agricultural implements, cattle-feeding materials, and similar factories, banks, fire, and storm insurance companies..... The Spanish army accepted Don Alfonso as King. The young

Belgium has recognized Don Alfonso, and it is announced that most if not all of the courts of Europe will do so as soon as his that the States through which the road may courts of Europe will do so as soon as his representatives are accredited.....The United
States public debt statement shows an increase
Agreed to, and the bill passed of \$3,659,967.88 during the month of December; coin balance, \$82,587,449.94; currency balance, \$13,592,931,22; certificates of deposit, \$41,200,000; coin certificates, \$23,540,000... A dispatch has been received from the Carlist

headquarters denying any defection on the part of either officers or men, in consequence of the proclamation of Don Alfonso, or in favor of the new king ..... A company of United States cavalry has started from the Red Cloud agency to oust the miners from the Black Hills . . . . While Charles Myers, of Salem county, N. J., was in jail, his wife was at work at a neighbor's, his two boys, aged nine and eleven the shed adjoining the house, The flames of this indispensable family medicine. speedily got beyond their control. burning Its office is to attack a lazy, torpid liver, down the building and an infant child that was and impart new life to this vital organin the cradle.... The governments of Switzer-land, Australia and Belgium have adopted charge of effects matter. A good digesstringent measures against the importation tion and appetite are restored to the into those countries of American potatoes in- sufferer. Fure blood, the 'life of the fected with the Colorado beetle ..... Ex-Priest flesh, is set ared, and the patient soon Gerdeman, of Philadelphia, has been remanded for trial for the embezzlement of funds-belonging to St. Bonifacius's Roman Catholic Church,

of the street of after a hearing upon a habeas corpus.

All About Eggs.

owned by John Swallow, in Dunstable, Mass.,

were burned. Mr. Swallow entered the burning

barn and was burned to death . . . . . Mary Lynn

recovered most of its bonds and securities

stolen from its vault on the 19th of October

telegraphed to Washington as follows: I have

to announce to you the existence in this State

country at large. The lives of citizens have

become so jeopardized that unless something

security usually afforded by law will be over-

ridden. Defiance to the laws and the nurder

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

Senate.

they were owners of merchant vessels which were destroyed by the Shenandoah, and ask to

share in the award.
The following bills were reported adversely

on the amount of United States bonds deposited as security, and Senator Stewart's bill to pro-hibit the national banks from loaning money on

as security, Schator Alcorn's bill making United States

silver coins a legal tender for amounts not ex-ceeding 7100 was reported adversely, but placed

Senator Davis's bill to reduce the tax on cir-

calation of State banks to an amount equal to that paid by national banks was reported ad-versely, but on motion of Mr. Sargent was

limits the circulation of banking associations organized for the purpose of issuing bonds payable in gold, severally, to the amount of one million dollars, be, and the same is, hereby

repealed; and each of such existing banking associations may increase its circulating notes, and new banking associations may be organized

in accordance with the existing law without re-

ture have been deprived thereof, or prevented from taking the same, by any such military force, officer or soldier; and, if such has been the case, then that the President inform the

House.

The new army bill, which was discussed, appropriates \$27.701,500. It forbids recruiting beyond the number of 25,000 enlisted men, in

Opinions of the Press.

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his patients: 'Keep your feet warm,

your head cool, and your bowels open, an' there's little "ilse" can harm ye. This aphorism is full of wisdom, and ex-

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cluding Indian scouts and hospital stewards.

Moses Taylor and other citizens petition that

\$14,000.

A writer in the Medical Journal, dis coursing on dyspepsia says: We have seen dyspepties who suffered untold torand Edward Muson were burned to death by the burning of Smith Lynn's house near ments with almost every kind of food. Blairsville, Pa., and Mrs. Lynn, another of his No liquid could be taken without suffer daughters, and Clara Stewart were fatally indaughters, and Clara Stewart were fatally injured by jumping from the windows.....The Meat and milk were solid and liquid onhegan National Bank of Milford, N. H., fires. We have seen these same sufferers trying to avoid food and drink, and even going to the enema spring for susten ance. And we have seen the torments last. The property, amounting to about pass away and their hunger relieved by \$112,000, was recovered through the president iving upon the white of eggs, which and officials of the bank, who say the bonds have been boiled in bubbling water for were recovered within five hundred miles of thirty minutes. At the end of a week, that place, and they claim that no compromise we have given the half yolk of the egg was made with the robbers. The people of with the white, and upon this diet alone, Milford are jubilant . . . . The German Ambassador has informed the Duke Decazes that without fluid of any kind, we have seen them begin to gain flesh and strength, Germany is prepared to recognize Alfonzo as and refreshing sleep.

After weeks of this treatment, they King of Spain. The king of the Belgians has

sent his personal congratulations to Alfonzo.

.....James McCauley is supposed to have been able, with care, to begin upon other food; and all this, the writer been burned to death during a fire at Port Jervis, N. Y..... County Treasurer Ehler, of that hard-boiled eggs are not half so bad Milwaukee, has been obliged to vacate his as half-boiled ones, and ten times as office, being a defaulter to the amount of easy to digest as raw eggs, even in eggnogg.

The father of Don Carlos has given his adhesion to King Alfonzo. Other supporters of the Bourbon Pretender are expected to follow his example, thus compelling Don Carlos to lay down his arms and recognize the new regime or retire to exile... Upon the assembling or Multum in Parro Physic. Modern chemical selence combine Dr. Pierce to extract from the The father of Don Carlos has given his of the Louisiana Legislature an intense excitement existed. Both the men claiming to be Governor of the State issued proclamations to the people. The Conservatives elected Wiltz for Speaker, the other party declining to vote. for Speaker, the other party declining to vote.

Shortly after United States troops entered the State, house and unscated the newly-elected Speaker and five other members, General Speaker and General Speake eribe them of anything I have ever used, s mild and certain in effect, and leaving the bowels in an excellent condition. It seems t

me they must take the place of all other ca-diartic pills and medicines." Lyon & Macomber, druggists, Vermillion, D. T., say: We think they are going to sell like hot cakes as soon as people get acquainted with them, and will spoil the pill trade, as those that have used them like them much better

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