## WASHINGTON.

### From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Nov. 10th, 1898.

Gen. Greely, Chief Signal officer of the army, is very particular in all his public utterances to speak in high terms of Secretary Alger, and other officials who had anything to do with the direction of the war, but in a speech to a church club he let the cat out of the bag by saying that one of the principal reasons why the Sig-nal Corps operated so successfully during the war with Spain was that it had a ship of its own, chartered in the name of a private individual, and not subject to control of the army or navy.

They are repeating a story in army and navy circles about how Gen. Shafter tried to bluff Lieut. W. H. Stayton, commanding U.S.S. Aliene, had charge of the assignment of positions for anchorage, tor sanitary inspection, to the troopships which brought Shafter's men from Santiago to Montauk. When the ship which brought Gen. Shafter was sighted off Montauk Point, Lieut. Stayton put out in his boat and ordered her to heave to. The only reply he got was an order to get out of the way or be sunk. Lieut. Stayton then ordered the Captain to stop or he would fire a shot through his ship. That's where Shafter made his bluff. "I am Gen. Shafter, and I am not going to stop for anybody," he yelled, and then for anybody," he yelled, and then asked: "Who are you, anyway?" "I am Lieut. Stayton, of the Navy," replied that officer. "and am directed the Secretary of the Navy to see that no vessel lands passengers without having been certified by the health authorities, and I order you to heave to, under penalty of a shot." Shafter then retired, leaving the Captain of the ship to apologize, and to ask Lieut. Stayton where he should anchor pending the medical inspection.

It is evident to every body that the bureau chiefs of the Navy Department are not friendly to Lieut. Hobson. He was ordered to Washington to tell a board, composed of these chiefs, the present status of the wrecking work that is being done upon the sunken warships of Cervera, and to present his recommendations as to what should be done. Hobson made a long statement, showing what had been done and expressing confidence that if he was allowed to have his way he could save three more of those vessels—the Colon, the Vizcaya, and the Mercedes—and the Collier Merrimac, sunk by him. Incidentally he recommended that the contract under which a private wrecking company is being paid \$800 a day be annulled and all the work done by the govern-ment. Hobson also said that he was disposed, if the department refused to furnish the money to continue the work of trying to save these vessels, to appeal to the people for contribu-tions for that purpose. The board will recommend that none of Hobson's recommendations be adopted : that work on the Vizcaya and Colon be

abandoned and that the Merrimac be dynamited instead of raised. In addition to this turn down. Hobson has been told that it will be considered "insubordination" if he attempts to do anything contrary to the recom-mendations of the borrd of chiefs. To show how real experts regard Hob-son's assertion that the Colon and Vizcaya can be saved it may be mentioned that a Swedish wrecking Co., the largest in the world, has offered to undertake the raising of both ships, this government not to pay a cent unless they are raised.

The hardshell preacher's homily, "Men is scarce and wimmen's plenty, isn't founded on fact. There's a short-age of women in this great republic. In the whole country there are 5,427-667 bachelors and only 2,224,494 spinsters. The shortage is not confined than unmarried women in our State

### A Geographical Game A Trip About the Country Answering Questions With Name.

One day my cousin (a city in Maine) said to me, "Let us go fishing for (a cape in Massachusetts)." "That will be fine," I answered,

laying down her new (city in Italy) hat that I had been admiring, and up setting a bottle of (city in Germany) in my haste.

"But I am afraid to go without a (island near England)," said my cou-"Lets ask-and-(two capes in

Virginia)," I answered. So I ran across the street for the

two who were to accompany us, while my cousin fixed up a small lunch, consisting of (Islands in the Pacific Ocean), a large piece of (a country in Europe), and a (town in New Jersey for each of us; and, for a joke, she put in a large (river in Vermont.)

It was a beautiful day in (a cape in New Jersey), and we expected to have a fine time. I fed Dick, My pet, (islands off the coast of Africa), and we started.

To save time, we thought we would go through the barnyard, and across lots, but I saw a large (cape in South America) sticking out from behind the barn, and refused to go near old Brindle; so we went another way. As we were passing through the

woods all of a sudden my cousin cried out "(a cape in North Carolina) there is a big (river in Washington)!

I picked up a piece of broken (a ountry in Asia) to throw at it while my cousin eagerly snatched a (city in Ireland), thinking it was a store. One of the boys had sense enough to throw a (city in Arkansas) at its head, killing it instantly.

We thought our troubles were over now, and were laughing and talking gayly, when we suddenly saw, a few feet from us and coming for us as fast as its feet would carry it, a (lake in Canada.)

This was too much. We turned our faces toward home and ran her eautiful new cape, trimmed with (a cape in Florida).

We did not stop running until within a (island belonging to Rhode Is-land) of our house, where we said (a cape in Greenland) to our companions and went in the house to enjoy a cup of (an island near India.)

## A Traveling Postoffice .

The postoffice department at Washngton have decided to make a new experiment in the rural free delivery system. Some time ago a resident of Some time ago a resident of Westminster, Md., wrote to the department offering to build such a postoffice, to be drawn by two horses, and to establish a system between Westminster and the surrounding villages, covering a distance of 30 miles, for \$1,375 a year. The plan has been accepted.

The wagon will be similar to the postoffice wagons in use in the citeis. The postman will start from West-minster in the morning and visit a number of small towns in the vicinity, collecting and delivering mail en route. Any farmer living within two miles of the road along which the wagon passes will be allowed to place a letter box at the roadside, in which his mail can be deposited by the carrier, and from which the carrier will take the outgoing mail. At several small places where there is no postoffice a number of boxes will be put up, which will practically form an auto-

matic postoffice. The inventor of the scheme will act as postmaster, and will sell stamps, money orders, etc., stamp letters and assort them for the mails. While driv-

ing out in the morning he will assort the mail for the delivery, and when returning he will prepare it to be placed on the train. He expects to

worth having. sitions of the Philipine Islands is al-ready coming to the front in Congress. ARRIVE. LEAVE ARRIVE. am [a.m. [pm] j.m.] STATIONS. | am [pm 7.10 11, 15 6.30 2.15 Bloomsbu'g. 8.34 2 40 7.10 11, 15 6.30 2.15 Bloomsbu'g. 8.34 2 40 Those purchasers desiring to build, and of Ohio, City of Toledo, } ss. 5.45 6.10 times was miserable. So it went on until last October, I felt something terrible creeping over me, I knew not what, but kept getting worse, I can hardly explain my feelings at that time. I was so depressed in spirits that I did not wish to live, although I had everything to live for. Had hys-teria, was very nervous; could not sleep and was not safe to be left alone. own their own homes the sist by advancing the mon Chairman Cannon, of the House appro 7.08 11.40 6.26 7.08 11.37 6.24 6.53 11.27 6.12 8.50 11.28 6.09 6.40 11.13 5.59 6.29 11.03 5.48 6.25 11.00 5.44 1 6.15 1.06 5.5 27 1 Lucas County. priation committee who has resolutely Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business Sacred Fires of India WHY PAY RENT opposed large expenditures for military The sacrtd fires of India have not all when you can own your own home? establishment of the nation is necess been extinguished. The most ancient, which still exists, was consecrated 12 centuries ago in commemoration of the voyage made by the Parsees when they ry, and that the money required should Factory Sites Given Away. in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm be voted unprudgingly by Congress. This is the first step in creating a large standing army, and, if the plan be successful, it will be followed by the Maps of the town and our plotted pro-erty furnished on application. will pay the sum of one hundred dol b.43 10.23 5.03 11.53 5.49 10.20 5.00 11.30 . am am pm pm LEAVE Bloomsburg Land Improvement Company. ars for each and every case of ca-tarrh that cannot be cured by the use emigrated from Persia to India. Th emigrated from Persia to India. The fire is fed five times every twenty-four hours with sandalwood and other fra-grant materials, combined with very dry fuel. This fire, in the village of Oodwada, near Bulsar, is visited by ampmpmam indeed, I thought I would lose my pilling up of taxes, for the money must S. WOODS, Sales Agent. of Hall's Catarrh Cure. N. U. FUNK, come from somewhere, and, in this country there is but one resource, the "I continued this way until the last of February, when I saw in a paper a testimonial of a lady whose case was PENNYRCYAL PILLS FRANK J. CHENEY. Secretary. 10-6-6mos Sworn to before me and subscribed tax payers, and at last labor. Even the in mypresence, this sixth day of De cember, A. D. 1896. Parsees in large numbers during the suggestion of a larger standing army is a blow in all the face of all our traditestimonial of a lady whose case was similar to mine, and who had been cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegeta-ble Compound. I determined to try it, and felt better after the first dose. I continued taking it, and to-day am a well woman, and can say from my heart, 'Thank God for such a medi-cine.'' Mrs. Pinkham invites all suffering women to write to her at Lynn, Mass., Cattle hides and all months alloted to the presiding genus of fire. A. W. GLEASON, tions and public policy since the found-ing of the Republic. We have reached the turn of the road in our political Mr. Gotrox-But you are a poor man, and my daughter has been ac-customed to every concelvable luxury. Do you think she could stand such a Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken inn get cata PHILADA. destinies, and the people must be ex-ceptionally careful lest our form of ternally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. CROSBY FRISIAN FUR CO. 16 MILL STREET, ROCHESTER, N. " change? If you want lithographed bonds government may be gradually changed. Impecunious Lover-Certainly, sir. cerificates of stock, checks, drafts dilomas, or any thing in that line A lareg standing army is one of the most dangerous engines in the hands Just see how readily those rich Rough Riders took to hard tack and bacon. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. women to write to her at Lynn, Mass., for advice. All such letters are seen and answered by women only. A fine line of new styles in wedne COLUMBIAN office can furnish Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best. Im ators. Watch them! Judge. ding invitations just received at THE and a second second second tf. 1 them. See samples. COLUMBIAN office.

### Oriminal Cases Show no Decrease.

The number of criminal cases that come before the Quarter Sessions courts of Pennsylvania show no decrease. The penalties of the law have tempering effect, but do not lesson or suppress evil doers. The question of the expediency of

ong or short sentences severe or mild ounishments-is of interest. Judge Rerkers of Bucks county has for years been a terror to the criminal classes by reason of his attitude in dealing hrmly with all bold offenders against the public peace. His course has evidently had a salutary effect, as Bucks county has not been troubled with the amount of lawlessness that has burdened other sections. Judge Hemphill of Chester county is also a believer in dealing firmly with the criminal classes, and recently sen-tenced two burglars to ten years each in the penitentiary-the limit of the Both of these had previously law. served long terms in prison, and in pronouncing sentence Judge Hemp-hill said: "The community will be safer with you both in jail. It appears that they have to keep you, no matter

where you are. In a nutshell the Court recognized that with some people crime is a chronic distemper, and prison is the only hospital for the treatment and restraint of that disease. There are instances, it is true, when charity may prove efficacious, but where the offenders are hardened against all apprecia-tion of moral laws, and who continu-

ally abuse the license of liberty by preying upon their fellows, the course of Judges Yerkes and Hemphill will meet public approval.

### Both "Done Noble."

According to the St. Louis corres pondent of the Chicago Record, The Lord Mayor of St. Louis, "Onkle Henry" Zeigenheim, is an old and interesting person. A giant in stature, good natured disposition, shrewd mind nd unbounded ambition, he has lifted nimself into prominence by his force of chara-ter. Almost entirely with-out education, he is proud of his illiteracy and boasts of his "plain ways," which of course takes with certain classes of people and gives him great influence among voters of similar condition. "I could hire plenty of people to write speeches for me," he says, "but I won't do it me," he says, "but I won't do it. What I say comes from the heart, and I mean it. I don't have to pay no money for fine words," and he ex-emplifies the principle. "They all done noble," he declared, in a recent speech of welcome to the returning soldiers. "Both the army and the navy done noble, and Dewey he went the whole hog before breakfast. Re-cently he won the applause of "the plain people" by declining to wear a dress suit at the great annual ball.

"The geese are flying over," which means that we are in for a hard, cold winter. At least, this is an old super stition, and geese are very convenient things to tase a prophecy on, because if it should turn out to be incorrect the fault can easily be put to the credit of the geese, without fear of their coming back to argue the ques-tion. However, if the geese know their business this year and the old time weather prophets should be right, we may look forward to some very cold weather very soon.

A shoemaker has a card in his win dow reading: "Any respectable man, woman, or child can have a fit in this store". store.

# SINGULAR STATEMENT.

## From Mrs. Rank to Mrs. Pinkham

The following letter to Mrs. Pink-ham from Mrs. M. RANK, No. 2,354 East Susquehanna Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., is a remarkable statement of relief from utter discouragement. She

and stale stuff palmed off for news, and down and small monthly payments thereafter B. & S R. R. The animus of the proposed acquiand doctored for a long time, not see-ing any improvement. At times I would feel well enough, and other times was miserable. So it went on even the Dawson City public is dis-criminating in this particular, and is strongly disposed to resent the swin-SOUTH. -NORTH will secure a lot.

FEATS OF THE CAVALRY HORSE. Dougias' Plucky Ride Through Rain and Mud to General Ewell.

The one sad feature about the war is that the cavalry horse was not test-

ed. In fact the muddy roads, the long distances required for transportation made this almost impossible. let some wonderful feats have been per

some wonderful feats have been per-formed by our horsemen to train them for the campaigns of actual warfare. General King tells of a plucky ride made in the seventies by Lleut, James F. Bell, of the Seventh, just to show what our mounted soldiers could have done had the campaign developed. Bell was ordered to Medora, a little forwn at the prosence of the little Mis town at the crossing of the Little Missouri by the Northern Pacific railway, where he found important dispatches for his brother officer, Lieutenant Gar-The nis brother officer, Lieutenant Gar-lington, then in the field, and, all alone, Bell rode away from Medora at sun-rise on an August morning, covered fifty to fifty-five miles through the roughest country in the Northwest by noon, got a fresh mount in Capitain Varnum's camp, and just after **suaset** reached Garlington. The distance or ered was at least one hundred miles, and the gait was trot or gallop all the way way. The records of the cavalry regiments

In records of the cavary regiments on duty in Arizona or Wyoming dur-ing the Indian campaigns of the last twenty years furnishes numerous in-stances of long rides of this character. The annals of the great war have many more-perhaps the most remark-able heing that of Henry Krd Doug able being that of Henry Kyd Doug las, now Adjutant-General of Mary ins, now Adjutant-teneral of Mary-land, but at the time a young officer selected to bear despatches for Stone-wall Jackson, through pitchy dark-ness, over river and mountain, from Harrisonburg in the Shenandoah val-ley, around Massanutten mountain, over the Blue Blue theough Sudf over the Blue Ridge through Swift over the Blue Ridge through Swift Run gap, then by way of Stannards-ville, Madison Court-House, Culpeper, and Brandy Station, to General Ewell, then "in the field." Douglas started just after sundown of an April even-ing, and in a pouring rain splashed through mud and mire and the black-ness of Erclus over the mountain trail. ness of Erebus over the mountain trail: ness of Erebus over the mountain trail; exchanged his gallant blooded mare for a big, raw-boned racer some forty miles from the starting point; used up mount No. 2 in a fifteen-mile spurt to Madison C. H., where he swapped him for a little gray which stumbled in the mire and darkness after a run of barely, a mile and could not be of barely a mile, and could not be induced to rise. The magic of Jack of barely a line, and could not be induced to rise. The magic of Jack-son's man won him mount No. 4, who carried him nine miles and gave place to a gaunt roan. The next stage was the eleven-unle dash to Culpeper, where, in the falut, cold glimmer of where, in the failt, coid glimmer of dawn, the young officer reached Gen-eral Dick Taylor, who steered him on to Brandy Station and beyond. Just twenty hours from the start, Doug-las found General Ewell and delivered his rain-soaked despatches. He had covered the entire distance of one hundred and five miles in less than wenty hours

NEWS READINGS IN DAWSON-

Enterprising Man Makes \$300 Reading to the Miners. A novel story is told by the Portland Oregonian about the way the news of the blowing up of the Maine was received in Dawson City. An enterpris-ing Yankee got hold of the first copy of a newspaper containing the account. He made arrangements for getting the news abroad in this business like fash-

ion Renting a vacant saloon building, he caused bulletins to be issued giving an inkling of the character of the news that had been received, most judiciously worded, and announcing that the full account would be read in public in the evening in the mammoth one story log edifice next the Blue Ruin dive on log edifice next the Blue Ruin dive on Brimstone street; admission two pen-nyweights of gold, ranging in value from \$1.50 to \$1.75.

At the appointed time the miners gathered to hear the news, and two hundred or more of them tossed their gold dust into the door keeper's scales and crowded inside. The reading was satisfactory, if the news was not, and there was no grumbling about the in-vestment. No less than \$309 and probably much more, was realized from that idea. The reader was a liberal sort

that idea. The reader was a liberal sort of chap, and he read the other news in the paper merely as a courtesy to the assembly. This practice grew as the nation neared war and after the war begon, and it is a frequent occurrence for a public reading of important news to be given in Dawson at so much per head for permission. And the cooped up men pay for nothing more cheerfully than war news. Their liberality in this mat-ter is sometimes taken advantage of, to the new and more sparsley settled districts of the West. Right here in Its permanence and prosperity are now barely make expenses, but the gov-ernment will pay him a royalty on all ured. old Pennsylvania there are 562,843 bachelors and only 331,257 spinsters. The Bloomsburg Land Improvement Con similar wagons should the scheme be any now offers for sale the most desirable put in general operation. "I never can find words with which These are figures that the unmated ots for residences and business purposes to men should view with alarm. Think of it! 231,586 more marriageable men to thank you for what Lydia E. Pink-ham's Vegetable Compound has done be had in this town, at moderate prices and Northumornaux, Lock Eaven, Lup-Harrisburg, Lock Eaven, Lup-Corry and Erie. W. F. HALLSTEAD, Gen. Man., Scranton, Pa upon easy terms The Philipines. ter is sometimes taken advantage of. A SMALL PAYMENT Some years ago I had womb trouble Women don't be in a hurry select one

