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TWENTY-ONE LITTLE BODIES PLACED IN ONE GRAVE.

New York, Dec. 27.—All that remained of the twenty-one little victims of the fire of the St. John's Male Orphan Home in Brooklyn was laid in its last resting place yesterday morning. Nine o'clock was the hour set for the funeral services at the Church of Our Lady of Victory (Father Creighton's), but notwithstanding the early hour and the inaccessible locality of the church, every seat in the stone edifice was occupied and all the standing room was utilized. The charred remains of the victims had been placed in three gilded coffins for adults. Frank Harper, the undertaker, who has for a long time buried the orphans of the institution free of charge, also had charge of the interment yesterday. The coffins were of rose-wood, with heavy silver trimmings and handles, and each bore a silver plate on its lid, the inscription on which was as follows:

Remains Found in the Ruins of St. John's Home, Destroyed by Fire Dec. 15, 1884.

Each coffin contained as near as could be distinguished, the remains of seven of the victims. A large crowd of men, women and children had gathered about the burned home in anticipation of obtaining a glimpse of the bodies as they were transferred to the three hearsees, and when they saw their disappointment, slowly left the scene, some of them going direct to the church.

The body of the church was already well filled when the coffins were carried in and deposited on three black-covered catafalques in front of the altar. One was placed in a straight line with the centre aisle, with the feet towards the door, while the others were placed at the head of either side aisle, the feet converging at an angle towards the middle aisle. Half a dozen candles burned at the head of each coffin, and candelabra at the feet. The altar was draped in mourning, and on the back wall of the church black and white folds were in keeping with the sorrow of those who sat or knelt in the front pews. Other than this, there was no indication of the deep solemnity of the occasion. There were no followers of twigs of green, and the ceremonies were without ostentation or show.

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EARTHQUAKE IN SPAIN.

Madrid, Dec. 28.—Official reports show that 269 persons were killed in the province of Malaga and Granada by the recent earthquake. The population of Granada are still encamped in the squares and the richer classes are lodging in carriages along the promenade. The facade of the cathedral was seriously damaged by the shock. Many houses were destroyed in Jimena and a whole family was killed in the village of Gijar by the falling of a chimney.

Over half of the inhabitants of Abuncuel were killed. Athams is mostly in ruins. The province of Malaga suffered equally as much damage as did Granada. Commerce is paralyzed. Two hundred houses at Alfarnetejo were damaged. The panic is subsiding. The shock was not felt in the northern and northwestern provinces. The government has granted \$1,000 from the national calamity fund for the relief of sufferers in the province of Canada.

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GOLD AND OTHER ORES IN ALASKA.

Recent explorations in Northern and Central Alaska have revealed bodies of ore, but in such remote regions as to be unavailable. The few claims near Sitka have proved of but little value. None of the ore exists in large pockets. It is scattered and rather of low grade. It may be said that no properties will pay being worked when there is not at best a great abundance of ore. The Treadwell mine is valuable only because there is so much quartz. A ton of it will not yield any considerable amount of gold, but there are millions of tons. Mines must also be near the coast to pay, unless they are unusually rich. Alaska is not an easy country to travel over and the cost of transportation is an important item to be considered. Every section of the country has its upholders, but sifting facts from theories, the truth seems to be that the paying mineral must be on or near Douglas Island. Owing to the abundance of moss and forests, Alaska is an extremely difficult country to prospect. There are no surface indications and leads can only be discovered by first finding float ore and then laboriously tracing up the streams to find the main body. Every mine so far discovered has been found in this manner. It is absolutely useless trying to find out-croppings by pursuing the methods adopted in Colorado and other barren countries.

Alaska's other natural riches are copper, marble, coal and silver. Coal has been found in many places, but usually too far inland to pay for shipment. Marble quarries are more or less abundant, but do not seem to contain large blocks. Copper is found principally in the region that is penetrated by the Chilkat River. Many of the native household implements and pipes contain copper rims and ends, and the Indians claim that they know of large copper mines. So far, however, no valuable properties have been found, though there is undoubtedly a large quantity of the metal in the country. Silver has been found in the far north, but no mines have been discovered that are valuable enough to pay for working.

A just conclusion then seems to be that our Northwestern Territory has yet no claim for prominence as a mineral country. That it contains many indications of having large bodies of ore must be admitted, and we will acknowledge that development has been retarded by the presence of forests and the absence of proper laws by which titles could be had to lands. But still the only tangible evidence is in the Juneau properties, and they are too untried to warrant conclusions being drawn. Judging from the past, it will be years before Alaska can hope for fame created by its mines. What the future will prove remains to be seen.

GOOSE COURSHIP IN CANADA.

It is extremely amusing to witness the courtship of the Canada goose in all its stages, and let me assure you, reader, that although a gander does not strut before his beloved with the pomposity of a turkey or the grace of a dove his ways are quite as agreeable to the female of his choice. I can imagine before me one who has just accomplished the defeat of another male after a struggle of half an hour or more. He advances gallantly toward the object of his attention, his head scarcely raised an inch from the ground, his bill open to its full stretch, his fleshy tongue elevated, his eyes darting fiery glances, and as he moves he hisses loudly, while the emotion which he experiences causes his quills to shake, and his feathers to rustle. Now he is close to her, and in his eyes, is all love, his neck bending gracefully in all directions, passes all around her and occasionally touches her body; and as she congratulates him on his victory, and acknowledges his affection, they move their necks in a hundred curious ways. At this moment fierce jealousy urges the defeated gander to renew his efforts to obtain his love; he advances again, his eye glowing with the fire of rage; he shakes his broad wings, ruffles up his whole plumage, and as he rushes on the foe hisses with the intensity of anger. The whole flock seems to stand amazed, and opening up a space the birds gather round to view the combat. The bold bird who has been caressing his mate scarcely deigns to take notice of his foe, but seems to send a scornful glance towards him. He of the mortified feelings, however, raises his body, half opens his sinewy wings and with a powerful blow sends forth his defiance. The affront cannot be borne in the presence of so large a company, nor indeed is there much disposition to bear it in any circumstances; the blow is returned with vigor, the aggressor reels for a moment, but he soon recovers, and now the combat rages. Were the weapons more deadly, feats of chivalry would now be performed; as it is, thrust and blow succeed each other like the strokes of hammers driven by sturdy forgers. But now, the mated gander has caught hold of his antagonist's head with his bill, no bulldog could cling faster to his victim; he squeezes with all the energy of rage, lashes him with his powerful wings and at length drives him away, spreads out his pinions, runs with joy to his mate and fills the air with cries of exultation.

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