THE NEWS.

Jere Young, aged sixty years, committed suicide at his home, in Newmarket N. H. by shooting himself through the head. Temporary insanity, resulting from a year's illness, is supposed to have I d him to end his life,-W. C. Donnelson, alias W. K. Crow, has been arrested in Sacramento, Cal., for a \$2,010 postoffice burglary at Colville, Kas. -The greater part of the large pottery of S. A. Weller, in Zanesville, Ohio, was burned including the new builling for the manufacture of Lonbuda ware, which is similar to the celebrated Rookwood pottery of Cincinpati. The loss i- about \$50,000, with an insurance of \$54,000. - The Imperial Varnish Works plant, in Akron, O., was totally destroyed by fire. Loss, \$125,000. - During a heavy log opposite Skilligallee Light, off Lake Micigan, the steamer Cayuga, bound down, loaded with merchandise, ran into the steamer Joseph L. Hurd, bound for Chicago, with lumber, and both sank. Both crews were picked up by the Minnola, except the cook of the Hurd, George Johnston, of Chicago, who was drowned.

At Bunaio the cooper shors of the Richard

Grant Cooperage Company were burned, with all their contents. Loss \$75,000 --- At Savannah Ward McAllister's son Heyward sued for a divorce .- Receivers were appointed for the O.is Steel Works at Cleve. land. - C. W. Nehrbras, agent for the Deering Machine Company, of Chicago, lost his life in a fi e which destroyed the Hotel Arlington, at Montrose, Col. --- An explosion of tubes connecting with the fire compartment of an engine of the fast freight on the N. Y., N. H. and Hartford Railroad caused the instant death of Brakeman Owen J. McCafferty, the fatal injury of Fireman Arthur A. Fuller and the ser.ous scalding of Eng neer Taylor. McCafferty, who resided at Ballardsville, Mass., was to have been married next week .--- The Delaware legislature adjourned sine die, but the speaker of the House, McNulty, declared Henry A-Dupont elected United States senator. The last ballot, taken immediately before adjournment, resulted: Dupont, 15; Addicks, 4; Ridgeley, 9; Tunnel, 1. The Republicans claimed that Senator Watson, in succeeding to the governership, ceased to be a senator. and that there were, therefore, only 29 on joint ballot, 15 votes constituting a que rum. -Miss Belle Flatcher, of Clarksburg, W. Va., committed suicide near Damstown, in that state. -- The Winslow Brick Works near Ezg Harbor, N. J., were burned; loss,

The schooner C. D. White, from San Franeisco, was wrecked in a storm off Kodiak Island, Bering Sea, April 22, and the crew were lost --- Two road agents robbed passengers in a stage in Lake county, Cal ---Genz, who was convicted of killing Clara Arnheim, was sentenced at Jersey City to be executed May 20. - Ote Bierely, of St Marys, O., and Peter Finch, of Portland, Ind. were killed in a freight wreck on the Erie Railroad, near Celina, O .- Christian May killed himself at his wife's grave at Hazleton, Pa. -- Cyrus Rick, cashier of the Farmer's National Bank at Reading, Pa., dropped dead .--- At Eau Claire, Wis., Judge Bailey ntenced embezzler Harry E. McMaster two years in the state prison .-- E. Brownstearn, dry goods dealer, assigned at Portsmouth, Va .--- At Syracuse Charles E. Wilson, who killed Detective James Harvey, July 31, 1893, was sentenced by Justice Wright to be electrocuted during the week beginning June 17 .- Two men were killed and a third severely injured by a falling wall on Broad street, Hazleton, Pa. The killed are Christian Stillwagon and Emanuel Altenbach, and the injured Samuel Griffiths.

\$100,000.

The schooner E. Merriam arrived at Boston with the crew of the Norwegian bark Carl, abandoned and set on fire at sea .--The annual meeting of the Harrison International Telephone Company was held in Chicago. - The sixth annual session of the International Association of Machinists was held in Cincinnati. --- H. W. Thomas was shot and killed by F. I. Williams as he was leaving the residence of the divorced wife of the latter, in Minneapolis .- I aac Jope, night clerk in a Pittsburg hotel, was found murdered in the basement of the hotel .---Harry Thatcher, a student at Lehigh University, had his eyes destroyed by an explosion of acids .- An eruptive disease resembling small-pox has caused a big scare in Staunton, Va., and Lexington has quarantined against the suspected town.

It took the fire department and a posse of citizens, led by a sheriff's deputy, to arrest a burglar named Camp, who was in the room of a hotel in New Riehmond, Wis .--- An attempt was made to blow up a new hotel at Garwood, N. J., with dynamite, Garwood is situated a short d stance from Cranford, in Union County. A portion of the building was destroyed. Proprietor Patten and his wife, who were in the hotel at the time, escaped without being seriously hurt .--- A party of workmen were drilling in the rock at the foot of a thirty foot precipice, at Uniontown, when a ledge became loosened and fell, burying three of them. Michael Joy was crushed to death, Patrick Ryan was fatally injured, and an Italian was seriously hurt. -In Pottsville, Pa., Thomas Flood was killed James Tidibock fatally injured, and two other men badly burned while drilling a hole that had already been charged with dynamite, at the Albright coiliery at Llewel.

INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY.

Large Amounts of Money Being Invested in Cotton Mills.

Especially prominent features in the de. velopment of the South noted by the Manufacturers' Record during the week, are the number of new cotton mills, showing that large amounts of money continues to be invested in the industries. The reports include a 15,000 spindle mill and a 350 loom mill at Austin, Texas. Other industries are a kniting mill at Winchester, Va., to employ 200 hands; a \$50,000 oil mill in Alabama; \$200,-000 to be invested in various industries in Baltimore; two 100-ton cotton oil mills in Mississippi: a \$150,000 company to manufacture tobacco at Tampa, Fla.; a \$100,000 coal mining company in Texas, and two coal and lumber companies in West Virginia representing \$500,000.

Major Wissmann, the well-known German explorer, has been appoin ed Governor of German East Africa.

TORNADO IN IOWA.

A Large Number of Persons Killed and Injured.

SEVERAL TOWNS IN RUINS

Over a Score of Bodies Have Already Eeen Recovered from the Wrecks of Their Homes-Detalls Hard to Get.

At least fifty people are believed to have teen killed by a to nado which passed about three miles northwest of Sioux Center, a small town in Sioux County, 45 miles north of Sioux City. Telegraphic reports from the scene of the storm are very meagro, all the wires being down, but it is understood that a considerable number were killed and injured. The first reports were received by the Sioux City & Northern Railway from its a ent at Sioux Center. The despatch said that a schoolhouse had blown down, and that the teacher and several children were killed and injured.

De-patche-from Sloux Center say that three school houses and at least twenty re idences and barns were swept away. At the school house two teachers and three pupils were killed and many injure!. The women were found dead about 6 c'clock not far from the point where one of the school buildings stood. One man reported that his house was blown away and his family killed. He himself escaped and says that at least two or three hundre i people must have been killed. Parties have been sent out from Hull, Sloux Center, Orange and neighboring towns, but their work is being carried on in total darkness and in the midst of a great wind and rain storm.

A number of bodies have already been recovered, although the exact number cannot be learned. It is said that Perkins, a small town between bloux Center and Doon was directly in the path of the storm and was almost entirely wiped out. The wires leading to it are all down. The tracks are all washed out and the roads cannot be safely traveled owing to the manner in which they were guilted by the rain. Physicians have already set out from Hull, Orange, Cedar and Sioux Cen er, but are meeting with every conceivable obstacle in their effort to reach the scene of the storm.

News was received from Sibley to the effect that a storm struck there at 5 P. M. destroying the house of John Waterson, killing Mrs. Water-on and injuring Waterson and his son. The Sioux City & Northern tran, which arrived at 10 o'clock, brought several pasengers who witnessed the storm. They reported that thirteen dead had been brought into Sioux Center at 6 P. M. The train barely escaped a smashing up in a washout near Doon, but was stopped before it passed into the dangerous tenitory.

WORK AND WORKERS.

The Minnesota Iron Company has announced a 10 per cent, raise in wages for its

The molders employed in eight foundries in Cleve and, Ohio., went on strike for an increase in wages.

The annual convention of the Amaigamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers will be held in Cleveland in two weeks, and it will be the most important session since

1802.
Two hundred employes of the Athens, Ga.
Cotton Milis struck on account of a 10 per
cent cut in wages and an order to pay only
half cash and the remainder in tickets.
This will force out 125 bands at the upper
mills also.

Six hundred ecal miners, employed by the companies composing the Laurel (Ky) Coal Association, went out on a strike and will-probably remain out all summer. They strike for the pay of last year—70 cents per ton. The operators offer only 65 cents.

A special from Janesville; Wis., says, Three hundred employes of the Janesville Company struck because the company would not restore wages which were cut 10 per cent, two years ago. The manager says the mills will probably be closed indefinite y.

At Pocohontas, Va., no attempt was made to join the strike. The town is quiet, and this company, the largest in the coal fields, has made no reduction of wages among its 900 employes. In the event that force is used to compel the men to strike the cluzens will join the miners in resisting.

While all Ohlo miners are out awaiting an agreement on the new scale, there are other conditions than that of the scale. Owing to local feeling the strikers are getting beyond the control of representatives of the union mine workers. Guards are at the tiples and driftmouths, railway tresties and bridges.

Pat McBride, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, of America, is investigating the strike in the Pittsburg district for the purpose of making a report to the national convention of the order, which meets in Columbus. It is thought that a great deal will depend upon the action of this convention.

GUARDS WENT TO SLEEP.

Then a Post Office Robber Slipped His Handcuffs and Escaped.

Charles Jobnson, a post office robber, wanted in the Iudian Territory, escaped from two United States deputy marshals between Olean and Salamanca, New York. He was captured in Brooklyn and was being taken West on an Erie train. He was handcuffed to a seat and was seemingly in safe custody when the train left Olean. Soon after his guards dropped into a doze and when they awoke at salamanca it was discovered that their prisoner had slipped his handcuffs and

So far diligent search has revealed no trace of him. The police of surrounding towns have been notified. It is understood there is a reward of \$2,000 upon his head.

TOMAS ESTRADA PALMA.

Tomas Estrada Palma, recently proclaimed President of the Cuban Republic by the insurgents, lives in Central Vailey, N. Y. There he directs a large seminary, for the education of wealthy Cubans. Senor Palma was born in Bayamo, Cuba in 1835. During the



last revolution ne was constantly in the field. His valor and natural ability to handle soldiers attracted the attention of his countrymen and he was named for one office after another until finally he was proclaimed President of the Republic. In 1877, he was captured and imprisoned. When the war ended he was freed and came to this country. Senor Palma is married and has five bright children. He is an interesting talker and his manners are those of a courtier.

DISASTERS AND CASUALTIES.

Wilkins, Ketcham & Rothebild's furniture factory in Chicago was damaged by fire to the extent of \$125,000.

M. A Elder, janitor of the G. A. R. Hall at Elyria. Ohio, was possibly fatally burned by an explosion of gas, which wrecked the building.

A cyclone struck Halstead, twenty miles east of Hutchinson, Kansas It is reported that ten | copie have been killed and great damage done. A despatch from N.obrara, Nebra-ka, says

that the Govern ent school building on the Santes Indian Reservation was turned, causing a less of \$4),000.

Frank H Da Aiva and about 28

Frank H. De Alva, aged about 28, was cru-hed to death while traing to fix some beiting on a shaft in the Mohr printing establishment in New York city.

During a heavy gale 11 loaded freight cars on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolls and Omaha Railroad were blown from the track and overturned, near E su Claire Wisconsin.

James Hoffneim r, a deaf mute, 21 years old, was struck by a trolley gar, in Brooklyn, and instantly killed. Into makes the total number of victims killed by the Brooklyn trolleys 110.

The bodies of Mrs. Mary Po t, her daughter, Mrs. Pat Finley, and little E hel Finley were found in the Austrian river, in Alger county, Michigan. It is be leved that they were drowned by the capsizing of a boat.

Reports received from Southwest Missouri state that chinch bugs have made an early appearance and much damage is being done togrowing wheat. Sim lar damage from these bugs is reported in Northern Kansas, Arkansas and Indian Territory.

The town of Lorimore, Iowa, was almost entirely wiped out by fire, of supposed incendiary origin. Sixteen business houses were consumed and enough residence property to render 11 families home est. The loss will aggregate \$100,000.

The grand jury at Butte, Montana, which for three weeks has been investigating the dynamite explosion in which 58 men were killed, reports it has been unable to fix the responsibility. Civil suits for damages, aggregating \$250.00; have been brought against the two hardware companies.

The tug boat R. H. Smith was sunk in a collision with the tug W. E. Chapman, of Pier 46, East river, in New York. Three men were picked up out of the water by the tug N. L. Wright, which was near by at the time of the collision. It is thought that one ma was drowned from the sunken rug.

MORE CASH FOR JAPAN.

Her Cash Indemnity Reported to Be In creased by \$50,000,000.

It is reported in London that in consideration of Japan's abandonment of the Lio Tung Peninsula she will receive an additional indemnity of \$50,000,000.

Go mments of Russian papers give an idea of the feeling in Russia regarding the latest development in the Far East. The "Novoe Vremya" considers Japan's reply to the power's to be an equivocal one and says that it leaves the pending questions open. The "Novesti" a lmits the pacific effect of Japan's concessions, but insists that the Japanese occupation of a portion of the

Chinese mainland must not be unlimited.

The "Grashdanin" warns Russia to consolidate her position in the Far East, claiming that Japan will never for live her for het diplomatic de eat. The "Sviet" regard, Russia's diplomatic triumph as a great defeat for Great Britain.

The "Bourse Gazstte" a lyocates the three powers, Russis, France and Germany, becoming the guarantee for China paying the increased intensity in consideration of Japan forthwith evacuating Chinese terri-

The Paris press, generally speaking, is satisfied with the course Japan has adopted in segard to the remon-trances of the powers as to the terms of the treaty of peace with

RUSSIA IS SATISFIED.

Japan's Reply to Her Protest Ends All Trouble.

The Russian Government is satisfied with Japan's reply to the protest of the Powers and regards the incident thus far as closed. Russia is evidently glad to get out of a very awkward position without haggling as to the particular form of language in which Japan agrees to refrais from annexing the Liao Tung Peninsula.

Liao Tung Peninsula.

The Russiau multary preparations in the Far East have been suspended, in accordance with telegraphic order.

PENNSYLVANIA ITEM3.

Epitome of News Gleaned From Various Parts
of the State.

The Grady anti-pooling bill was hold up by the House.

Adjutant General Stewart, at Harrisburg, issued a general order fixing the time and places for the brigade encampments of the National Guard of Lennsylvania.

Governor Hasting, vetoed the bill which gave to married women the right to sell real estate or enter into contracts free from control of their husbands,

Internal Revenue Collector Herring, at Scranton, received a letter from Washington, in which the Treasury Department reverses itself on a former opinion that coal profits are not exempt from income tax.

Over 90) mill workers at Norristown and

and a shut down.

Furnace owners in the Shenango and Mahoning Valleys granted the demands of the strikers.

Bridgeport are idle on account of two strikes

The Western Presbyterian Theological feminary trustees, of Allegheny, refused to alter the charter of the school to comply with General Assembly request.

Evidence was affered in the Reick murder trial at Wilkes-Barre, to carroborate the alibies established by the prisoners and his

alleged accomplices.

Charles H. Evens was held at Pitt-burg for the murder of Isaac Joke.

Fifteen-year-old Carrie Van Auken, of Shoemakers, was riding a colt along the road to Deckers Ferry when a team of frightned horses came galioping wildly toward her. The young lady did not scream, faint or turn away, but thought of a p an to catch the animals. She drew up to one side, let the horses pass her and then rode after them. It was an exciting chase. A short distance ahead was the river, and she reaiz-d if she did not stop them quickly both would plunge in and drown themse ves. It was but a few moments before the colt brought the girl alongside the horses. Quick as a flash she grabbed the outside line an i turned the runaways almost around, bringing them to a siandstill. This was do e wi h one hand, for the other was engaged in ho.ding the bridle of her own horse.

A forged letter withdrawing the name of Water Commissioner Hiram Sterner at Allentown caused his de ea: and the election of Calvin Blein by the City Councils.

Cyrus Rick, cashier of the Farmer's National Bank, at Reading, die i while on duty in the bank. Christian May, one of the most prominent

citizens of Hazleton, committed suicide by hanging himself to the monument erected over his wife's grave.

Daniel W. Prugle, one of the oldest con-

ductors on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was killed by an engine at Altoona. Harry Frank, aged 16 years, was dragged to death by a runaway horse near Mount

Joy.

James Delaney and Arthur O'Malley, of Pittsburg, were instantly killed by an engine

near Avoca.

Two men were killed and a third severe;
pjured by a falling wall in Hazleton.

A large bull ran away and broke into the residence of Rev. H. B. Wile, pastor of the First Lutheran Church, Carlisle. The enraged animal, before being ejected, overturned several tables in the drawing-room, smashed an ornamental lamp and demolished the vestibule doors leading to the street,

Harry Frank, aged 19 years, employed as a farm hand in Mt. Joy Township, was killed by a runaway horse. The horse threw him out of a wagon. Frank became entangled in the harness and was drazged f r a considerable distance. His head came in contact with several rocks, which fractured the skull, and he was dead when picked up.

Jacob Myer, 44 years old, shot and killed him-elf in his home in Ross Township because the heat was more than he could tear. The thermometer registered 90 degrees in the shade, and the heat, of which Myer complained, is supposed to have affected his brain.

While John Frailey was walking along issued Mill Creek, three miles from Lancasier, he found a bundle lying near the shore, and upon opening it found the dead body of a boy baby. The coroner was notified and an inquest held. The coroner's physician believes the child was alive when thrown in the stream.

Forest fires in McKean County destroyed 10,000,000 feet of lumber.

Captain P. N. McGriffin, who commanded a Chin se warship, said, at Washington, that China lost the war through the treachery of Government : fficers.

Luzerne authorities have called in private detectives to search for murderers.

Three-year-old Katie Lutz was scalded to death at Reading by falling in a tub of ho.

water.

Mrs. Matilda Fenstermacher, of B-thlehem was fatally injured by jumping off a trolley car at Catasauqua.

w. W. Buffington made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat at Harrisburg.

The Potter school bill is looked upon in Harrisburg as being choked to death.

Plans for a general strike by iron men to demand a puddling rate of \$4 a ton are being made by the Amagamatid Associ-

demand a puddling rate of \$4 a ton are being made by the Amagamated Association at P. ttsburg.

A banquet was tendered to retiring Auditor General Gregg under the auspices of the

Board of Trade of Reading.

Auditor General Gregg was presented with a watch and chain by the department employes at Harrisburg.

In an explosion at the Cambria mill mines at Johnson, one man was fatally burned and three were badly injured.

Three men were atally and two tadly burned by an explosion in the Schooley mine at Sturmer villa.

Further damaging evidence was given at Wilkes-Barre against Hendricks, charged with the murder of Barney Reick.

Under a guard of deputies colored mes

were put to work in the places of strikers in the Hackett mine on the Wheeling divised the B. & O. Railroad.

Foreign warships are assembling at various ports of Japan and the French vessels have been ordered to prepare for emergencies. There are indications of a crisis in the relations between Japan and Russia

LAWRENCE DELMOUR.

Lawrence Delmour, the pr sent chieftain of Tammany Hall, came to this country from Ireland in 1847, being then 7 years old. He attended the public schools of New York City for a few years and then entered the employment of a morocco manufacturer. For some



time hehas been in the real estate business. He has been a men ber of Tammany Hall since its reorganization in 1872. His activity in politics, and his great ability as a political leader, led to his selection as leader of the Democracy in the 24th A sembly District. In all affairs except those of politics Demour is now a retired business man. He is to-day the most popular man in Tammany Hall.

NICARAGUA'S TROUBLE OVER

President Zelaya Still Says the Trouble Was

Caused by England.

A destatch to the London Times from Granada, Nicaragua, says that President Zelaya has telegraphed to that city confirming the statement that the trouble between Great Britain and Nicaragua had been

The President added that it was painful that the question had reached the extremity it did, when it might have been settled by friendly discussion. This, he says, was flatly refused by Great Britain.

AN ALLEGED REVOLUTION.

NEW YORK —A special cablegram from

Tegucigaipa, Honduras, says:

"Fighting has begon in Granada, Nicaragua. Di-order is reported from Leon alsoWord comes from there that the followers of
Order, Zerula and Macherro have united to
make war on Zelaya.

"The Honduran troops concentrated at Cape Gracias will remain there, as it is feared that the threatened outbreak on the M squito Reservation may extend here. The troops at Amalpa will be distributed along the coast.

"General Bonilla will take 4,000 men and go to President Zelaya's aid it requested. "The evacuation of Corinto and the sailing of the British ships is announced.

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

Sir Oliver Mowat has become the honorary president of the Hamilton, Ont, base ball team.

Sig. Alata, a telegraph operator in Milan, is sain to have invented a method of musical notation by wire.

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Mrs. Mary E. Richmond, of Batavis, N. Y, widow of Dean Richmond, the famous railroad and steamboat man, leave, an estate of \$15,0.0,000 to be divided among her children.

Gen. Simon R. Buckner, the Confederate veteran, is one of the most enthusiastic advocates of good roads in Kentucky. On his big farm in Hart county he has constructed ten miles of macadamized highways.

J. B. Gordon, General Commanding the United States Confederate Veterans, through George V. Moorman, Adjurant General, has issued an order in which he announced that No. 600 has been reached in the enrollment of new camps, and that application has been made for the organization of nearly 100 more.

Mr. Whitelaw Reid was in Jerusalem April 6. At that date he had jut come up from Suez through the Sinai Desert and was about to start northward through Damascus to Beyrout, which he expected to reach on April 30. Taking steamer at that point to Marseilles, the party hoped to reach Paris by May 10 and New York about the middle of June. Mr. Reid's health is greatly improved and he writes he is as well to-day as he has been at any time during the past ten years.

Orothyatekha, a Canadian Indian, is enjoying himself in London. He is a pure Monawk and is president of the Grand Council of the Chiefs of Canada, which comprises the Mohawks, Oneidas, Omoudagas, Cayugas, Senecas and Tuscaroras. He tickels the Londoners by saying: "The Americans sacked our towns and villages. As to the French we thrashed them; when they came we drove them back. Originally, you know, we were settled on the banks of the Mohawk Valley, stretching from Albany to Niagara. We left it voluntarily in order to be still British, made ourselves exiles in order to be still British.

THE GOLD RESERVE.

The United States Treasury Now Has \$96,-039,868 on Hand.

The Treasury gold reserve shows an increase of \$3,448,289, making its total \$96,-033,868

No explanation is made at the Treasury

Department beyond the statement that it is presumed the deposit was made by the New bond syndicate.

Annie Gormon, a 2-year-old Chicago tot,

Annie Gormon, a 2-year-old Chicago tot, leil thirty feet recently and in two minutes after was as chipper and bright as beforethe had a good cry. as she was badly scared but the doctors say she is absolutely uninjured.

Mme. Yang, wife of the Chinese Minister at Washington, is progressing so finely in English that she is quite able to converse with ter many visitors in their native tongue.

Odds and Ends

In Essam they lower corpses from the roof, it being against the law to carry them through the front door.

Scientific records show only 505 cases are known of persons having second attacks of smallpox.

Tom Burrows, the all-round Australian athlete, has beaten the record by swinging a pair of Indian clubs for twenty-four hours, without stopping even for meals.

In Russia the water supply never freezes because the pipes are laid below the frost line.

Street cars in Dresden are propelled by gas engines.

By a new process stockings are now made out of paper. North China is the land of the

An Atchison man, 5,000 miles from

Paris, is the first man to put a "Trilby corn cure" on the market.

Harmonics higher than the natural open tone of the fiddle string can be got by almost any violinist, but J.

Holmes, of Buchanan, Mich.,

claims he can get a harmonic a fith lower than the natural tone.

President Cleveland is having his portrait painted without sitting for it. The artist, Percy Ives, of Detroit, has a room opening into the President's private office, and catch-

es him at his desk when he can.

Abbe S. Stiltz, a French priest, in charge of the blind, has invented a typewriting machine which prints ordinary characters and the corresponding raised letters for the blind, so that the sightless can write letters

Somebody has invented a letter copying book which, when rolled up and held tightly in the hand, makes as good a copy as can be obtained from a press.

There are 200,000 more unmarried women in England and Wales than unmarried men.

The King of Italy spends more for charity than any other European sovereign.

France has but one volcano—in the Department of Aveyron, and it is in active operation for the first time since 1870.

An alarm letter box is a recent in-

vention. When a package is dropped

in it sounds a bell in the house to inform the listeners that the postman has brought a letter.

Six near relatives of George H.

McCalmon, of Biddeford, Me., met

violent deaths—the father, grandfather, two brothers and two cousins. Caycao, a small island in the West Indies, is inhabited exclusively by turtles, some of which grow to enormous size. Several vain attempts

have been made to establish human habitations there.

Strange bed warmers are used by Chilian women. In cold weather, when in bed, they keep their feet

Warm by placing them on a dog.

Upon the meeting of the Fifty-fourth Congress each member will find upon his desk a button, a pressure upon which will be promptly answered by a page.

A new imitation of gold is made of ninety-four parts of copper and six of antimony with a little magnesium and carbonate of lime added while it is melted. It is said that it preserves its color, is an almost exact imitation of gold, and that it costs only twenty-five cents a pound to make

Of the few genuine relics of Shakespeare preserved in his native town, the most interesting are his signet ring, with the initials 'W. S." on it, and the desk at which he sat in the grammar school in Stratford. The average number of visitors to the poet's home and church is 23,000 a year, of whom 6,000 are Americans.

There is a poplar standing at the foot of Mount Michael, in Yancy County, North Carolina, at the headwaters of the Cane River, that has a girth of twenty-seven feet nine inches at the cutting height. It is apparently sound and estimated to yield over 20,000 feet of lumber.

"Tribe of Gad" is the title of an association of teachers at Larned, Kan

In England imitation or filled cheese cannot legally be sold as cheese.

Mount Tacoma is the highest point in the United States—about 15,000 feet.

A Minnesota man has sued a barber

for \$500 damages for ruining his beard. There are in the world over 120,*

000 species of flowering plants.

Men or women who wear cords to their eyeglasses these days are the

exception.

The Dutch Bonnet.

The Dutch bonnet is on top in a double sense. It really looks more or less-more rather than less-like a Fiji headdress, nevertheless it seems to become its wearers, who wonder at it themselves. The truth is, women, so far from being as vain as they have been given credit for, are quite surprisingly modest; they admire and adopt all sorts of absurd styles. never realizing that it is really their own perennial loveliness and charm that make them admirable. The truth is, it doesn't matter what a pretty woman puts on, she will grace the article and look lovely in it, the worst of which is that all the other women take it for granted that they will look equally so.