Alaska and its Resources.

The New York Sun rescues from the oblivion of a Government report a very intersetting and valuable on Alaska, read by Dr. Jackson before an educational convention and published by the Bureau of Education. Dr. Jacks n gives the area of Alaska at 580,107 square miles, but these figureses must have been obtained from a Russian survey made before Mr. Seward purchased the territory, as our Government never deemed the coun try worth the expense of a survey. It is a great country, so far as size goes From the extreme north to south is 1,400 miles in an air line. From its eastern boundary to the end of the Aleutian islands is a distance of 2,200 miles, or as far as from Washington to California. The island of Atlu, at the end of the Abeutian chain, is as far west of San Francisco as Maine is east It will give an idea of the extent of Alaska to remember that it is as large as all the New England and Middle States, together with Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee combined, or as large as all of the U ited States east of the Mis sissippi river and north of Georgia and the Carolinas. That is it is mar ly one sixth of the area of the United States. It has a coast line of 25,000 miles, or two and a half times more than the Atlantic and Pacific coast lines of the remaining portion of the Union. The total area of the island of Alaska, Dr. Jackson estimates at 31 205 square miles, or twice as much as that of the State of Maine. Our highest mountains according to Dr. Jackson, are in Alaska; they are Mount St. Elias. 19,500 feet high; M unt Cook, 16 000 feet ; Mount Fair weather, 15,500. In addition to its quiet and well-behaved mountains Alaska contains the great volcanie system of the United States. It is also the great glacier region. "From Butte Inlet to Unimak Pass nearly every deep gulch has its glacier, some of which are vastly greater and grad der than any glacier in the Alps.' Hot and mineral springs a'so abound in Alaska. The Tukon iver in Alaska is one of the largest in the United States. It is seventy miles wide across its five mouths and intervening deltas; for the first thousand miles it is from one to five miles wide, and it is navigable at certain seasons for nearly 3,000 miles including its principal tributary. As to sit products, Alaska is a long way above contempt. Most of the sealskins used in all countries come from two little islands belonging to Alaska. The skins of the sea otter, are also very valuable, and there are many choice land for bearing animals The waters are wonderfully rich in fish. Besi les cod, "Alaska can supply the world," says Dr. Jackson, "with salmon, herring and halibut of the best quality." It is also "the great re-serve lumber region of the United States." There are "thousands of square miles of yellow cedar, white spruce, hemlock and balsam fir that densely cover the southern section of Alaska." Minerals of various kinds are abundant. Of the climate Dr. Jackson says: 'In a general way it may be said that inland Alaska has an artic winter and a tropical sum-At Fort Yukon the thermome tor often rises above 100 degrees in summer and indicates from 50 to 70 degrees below zero in winter. Along the immense southern coast and islands the climate is moist and warm. At Sitka, according to records kept for forty-five years, the mean spring temperature is 41.2 degrees, summer 546. whole year, 43:3 degress. 'The sur-revolver into my outside cont pocket prising fact is brought to light," adds of scutheastern Alaska for forty five overtaken me. years past has been the average win-ter climate of Kentucky and We-t Virginia, and, the average summer climate of Minussota." The mild climate of the region is due to the warm Japan current of the Pacific, the Kuro-Siwo. Possib y Mr. Sewards purchase v as not a bad scheme, finan cially considered.

A Crying Abuse. In the House lately Mr Kasson ask ed unanimous consent to permit a vote upon a resolution authorizing Paymaster James R. Wasson. United States army, leave of absense for two years to do special service for the Japanese government. Mr. Kasson explained that the pay offered by the Japanese government was small, and Mr. Wasson could not afford to resign f. om the army. Objection to the consideration of the resolution was made by Mr. Holman. During the short that preceeded the objection Mr. Ransix months each from the war depart-ment and that he was in the regular. This had the effect of making her still employ of the Pullman car company as an inspecto: receiving a salary of \$3,000 per annum. Mr. Randall cited this case as an illustration of favorit-

The Sacred Room.

Which is se. Apart in Mrs. Garfield's Residence.

Cleveland Herald.

It is known by every one that the General was the recipient of a large number of tokens of esteem and spect during his illness, and that Mrs Garfield received many marks of con dolence after the spirit of the sufferer had taken its flight. It was understood that Mrs. Garfield had set apart a room in her recently purchased home exclusively for these many trib-

For the purpose of viewing these articles a reporter called last week at the Garfield residence on Prospect street and was received by Harry Garfield, who ushered him into the memorial room. This is on the second floor at the top of the stairs on the right. Mrs. Garfield stated she had not yet completed her arrangements in regard to the room, and a very large number of articles were yet stored away which she has not had time to unpack and place in position.

The room at present contains a large number of resolutions adopted at the death of the President by the various ocieties to which he belonged, by nilitary organizations, city Conneils and meetings of citizens in different places throughout this and other counrics, which were sent to Mrs. Garfield as tokens of esteem for the man whom crate in that manner the sorrow felt at the I ss of one who but a short time before had moved so majestically among them. The greater part of these resolutions are beautifully designed and placed in massive frames of gilt and black. Those sent from cities across the ocean are very elaborate and turnish lasting and beautiful memenoes of a sorrowing world. The walls of the room are thickly covered with the frame resolutions and three marble top tables occupy the centre. Upon these are placed the more artistic souvenirs in rich and delicate cases. These are all very beautiful and at

Killed by Her Lover.

and had received the addresses of to divide the property equally George W. Gates for some time, and thir wedding was announced for the near future. Preparations of an elaborate nature were already under way.

Tariff on Soft Coal. fuesday noon Mr. Gates called upon Miss Lewis, and at her solicitation was rearranging some of the evergreens about the chandelier for their wedding on New Year. He had mounted a step ladder and was engaged with the decorations when a thirty-two calibre revolver fell from his outside coat pocket and in its descent struck the ladder. A cartridge in one of the chambers was exploded the same and the same

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perature is 41.2 degrees, summer 54.6. city when out riding. On Sunday winder 32.5, for the started for a drive and dropped my seek to learn the truth. In the Sonate, whole year, 43:3 degress. "The sur-prising fact is brought to light," adds Dr. Jackson, "that the winter climate of surbeastern Allaha for force of the sur-when this terrible catastrophe has a properly and it remained there until to day, when this terrible catastrophe has

Cooling His Ardor.

An Angry Mother Fublicly Whips a Young Man Who Won't be Repulsed.

In Quincy, Mass., a sentimental young man had been most assidious in his attentions toward an old lady's dau, hier, although the girl and her mother discouraged his attentions. He sent the girl a letter which he began with the angelic authem, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will to men." The mother rushed over to the court room and besought the court to interfere Being told that the man was not legally responsible, as he had not done anything or minal, she withdrew in a great rage. On the sidewalk sood the object of her ire. She rushed dall said that he had been informed upon him and struck him in the face that an officer in the army drawing \$2,000 per year had been granted four consecutive leaves of absence of paces, and taking off his hat, gave her more angry, and seizing a large stick she swooped down upon the unfortunate lover, and vigorously belayed him on the head and shoulders. He ism in the service which should not be tolerated.

To k the thrashing as a martyr who Hence was being sacrificed for his devotions. a work.

MARRYING FOUR WIVES-A Strange Story of New York Life .- Some thirty Story of New York Life.—Some thirty years ago a young Greek came to New York and entered into business. He had rooms in a bu-n s-block and was supposed to be unmarried. A few months since he died, leaving property to the amount af \$1,200,000. His lawyer found an informal will written and Mare. lawyer found an informal will written by himself whereby he gave his property to his family in equal parts. tached to the will was an explanatory paper to the effect that desiring vigorous and healthy off-prings, and being in doubt as to the national blood which w uld form the best admixture with And the Best Inland Daily at Rehis own, he had married tour wives-English, French, German and Spanish, and was raising a family by each wife. He requested the lawyer to call these wives together after his death, and tell them the true story of his life, and divide the property equally between

found that the four marriages were informal and by contract, and that about leaving the city for a few weeks he sent for her to come to the hotel where he then lived. She went. ame into the room where she was with the written contract in his hand all loved and honored, and to demon- When he returned to the city they tily left for the train, as she supposed. commenced housekeeping and he spent such time with her as his business would permit. He wrote four marriage contracts of the same date. Then he had the four girls come to his hotel at the same hour. He hastily stepped nto the room of each girl and signed the contract with each, so that in the coming years neither wife could claim of marriage. It was also ound that in naming these wives in his will and the explanatory paper he wrote them alphabetically, and called A Pennsylvania Newspaper for attention to the fact that he did so.

A Pennsylvania Newspaper for the General Public. attention to the fact that he did so.

After the husband's death, when the four wives met in the lawyer's of fice and heard the true story of their one common husband, and examined each other's marriage contract, their A Fatal Accelest Recoling in the Death of an Intended Broke.

Miss Imagene Lewis, a respected and beautiful young lady, lived in Diamond street, Canasteota, N. Y. and had received the wildrens of the control of the c avoid publicity. Each took her \$300,

in one of the chambers was exploded Miss Lewis was standing near and the ball struck her in the neck. She fell to the floor, but before Mr. Gates could reach her arose, but only to fall into his arms with the remark: could reach her arose, but only to fall into his arms with the remark:

'Oh, George, you have killed me! you have killed me!'

He supposed her exclamation was caused by fright and endeavored to quite her, but she pointed to the bullet hole in her neck and asked for her modeling salts. She was able to walk countries asked to present their arguments around the proposed reduction. mole in her neck and asked for her smelling salts. She was able to walk to a settee, but expired almost immediately. Mr. Gates was faantic with grief and rushed into the street like a made man and gave the alarm. To the coroner who was summend, he said, between his sobs: "I loved and cherished the young lady and she per

When asked about the weapon he said: "I have not been accustomed to carry a revolver. I bought this one to shoot dogs in the outskirts of the No one was in the room at the time of the trag dy, but Mr. Gates account of the affair is tully credited. He has the sympathy of the entire community. act of long delayed justice toward a gallant soldier, who, in the judgment of the highest military authority in the land, has been most outrageously wronged,-Phila Record,

SECRETARY Chandler has ordered the commandants of the various navy yards to reduce by 30 per cent, the number of men employed under the appropriation for the maintenance of vards and docks. The class affected by this order is composed of watchmen, keepers of fire-extinguishing ap paratus and persons employed in like occupations.

THE East Ternessee Valley Zine Company organized a short time ago with a capital of \$300 000, Saturday contracts for the erection the furnaces and buildings at Knoxville. They have several thousand tons of zine ore already dug a few miles from Knoxville.

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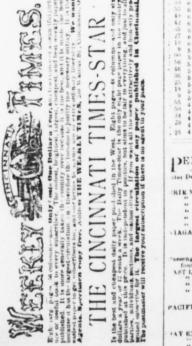
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