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GOVERNORS INSTALLED. Chief Executives Inaugurated in Four States.

Governor Ames Favors Women Suffrage in Massachusetts.

Governor Oliver Ames was inaugurated in joint convention of the Legislature at Boston, Mass. In his inaugural address he stated that the funded debt of the Commonwealth on January 1, 1890, was \$28,351,619.65.

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LATER NEWS. NATHAN C. BLANCHARD, a wealthy farmer of Aurelius, N.Y., has committed suicide by hanging.

REV. FIELDER ISRAEL, sixty-two years old, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, at Salem, Mass., was found dead by his wife in his study in the church with his throat cut.

The process of refining sugar by electricity has been found to be a myth by New York stockholders in the concern, who broke open the secret rooms in the factory at Williamsburg, N. Y.

The United States inspectors who are investigating the burning of the Mississippi River steamer Kate Adams, at Flaquennine, La., have obtained evidence which convinces them that forty-two persons were lost instead of fourteen, as they reported several days ago.

REAR ADMIRAL LUKE telegraphed to the Navy Department at Washington from Kingston, Jamaica, that owing to an outbreak of yellow fever on board the Yantic that vessel had sailed from Port-au-Prince, Hayti, for a Northern port in the United States.

The President has transmitted to Congress a recommendation that an appropriation of \$15,000 be made for the relief of the families of certain Japanese subjects who were killed on the Island of Isumu in March, 1887, by the guns from the United States steamer Omaha, while that vessel was engaged in target practice.

UNITED STATES TREASURER HYATT has signed a Treasury check, payable to himself, for \$58,900,000. This was to reimburse himself for money expended during the past month in the purchase of bonds, etc., which he has theoretically paid from his own pocket. Mr. Hyatt said this is the largest check he has signed since he has been in office.

At Ekaterinburg, Russia, during one recent day, 175 persons were frozen to death.

SEVEN skaters were drowned in the Ludwig Canal at Nuremberg, Germany.

The floods are extending to Bastia, Italy, and have done much damage. In one house which collapsed twelve persons were killed.

FAMINE and drought are prevailing in the interior of China and are increasing in severity, causing terribly sufferings. In the province of Shantung crops have been destroyed by an overflow of the Yellow River.

HEAVY snows in the south of Russia have engulfed several trains and stopped all kinds of traffic.

A NEW YORK artist named William Mann killed his niece and then committed suicide.

THROUGH the ignorance of a new man at a mine near Uniontown, Penn., three men met a horrible death in the shaft.

There is great suffering and privation among the Norwegian citizens in Walsh County, Dakota. Seventy families are said to be almost totally destitute.

WHILE a number of farmers, who had gathered at William Porter's grill mill at New Hope, Va., were talking in the boiler house, the boiler exploded, completely wrecking the mill. Four men were instantly killed, one had died since, another was fatally hurt and two others were seriously injured.

THE President has approved the act to incorporate the American Historical Association and the act to regulate appointments in the Marine Hospital service.

A NEW Panama Canal Company is being formed in Paris by the shareholders of the present company.

THE Chinese Government has demanded that Corea depose her King, and that Corea declare herself dependent on China.

COCHIN, of the Malabar Coast, has been almost totally destroyed by fire, causing a loss of \$1,500,000.

THE greater part of the village of Branon, Switzerland, has been destroyed by fire. Many cattle were burned to death. The fire was ignited by a madman.

A PASSENGER train was blown from the rails near Fiume, Italy, on the Adriatic, during a violent storm. Three persons were killed and many injured.

OCEAN PENNY POSTAGE. The Champion of Cheap Transatlantic Postal Rates.

Mr. John Henicker Heaton, member of the English Parliament, has accepted an invitation to visit the United States early this year. He expects to have the honor of appearing before Congress in advocacy of ocean penny postage, and much of the time of his visit will be devoted to the furtherance of cheap postage.

Indeed, non-contract steamers actually carry letters for the English Postoffice from Southampton to New York for about a half penny each (that is, forty letters go to the pound, and the rate paid to these non-contract steamers is forty-one cents per pound).

Twelve millions of letters, and 2,500,000 pounds weight of newspapers, etc., were sent to America in 1887, for which the steamship companies received less than \$500,000, while the English Postoffice received more than \$600,000 for stamps.

THE LABOR WORLD. The strike movement is subsiding in Belgium. A strike of silk ribbon weavers is imminent. CLEVELAND (Ohio) city workmen labor nine hours per day.

At New Bedford, Mass., a new automatic shoe-laster is at work. WOMEN in Lynn (Mass.) cotton mills make \$7 and men \$12 a week.

This country now leads the world in the manufacture of perfumes. The barbers are to have a national organ, and its name is to be the Sistrar.

THE German-speaking laborers throughout the United States are largely organized in unions. THE Seaman's Union, of Buffalo, N. Y., has restricted its membership to American citizens.

Of the 50th brick-layers, stone-masons and stone-cutters in New York city, 4354 are of foreign birth. DELMONICO's chief cook in New York city is said to have received over \$700 in tips on Christmas morning.

The coal mines at Monterey, Cal., which have been idle for years, are to be reopened and vigorously worked. BAKERS in Chicago are now required to stamp the weight of the loaves and their names on every loaf of bread.

ACCORDING to Bradstreet's, there were fifteen strikes in the United States in December, 1888, in which 2561 persons were concerned. POWDERLY's salary as Grand Master of the Knights of Labor is \$3,000 this year. He was voted \$2000, but would not accept so much.

The Oxford Iron and Nail Company's works at Bellville, N.Y., have been closed indefinitely, throwing 1400 employes out of work. STEAM machines for cleaning out the resorts in gas works are being used in Philadelphia with great success. One machine does the work of eight men.

A LARGE amount of business has been done at the marble quarries, West End, Vt., in fulfillment of a Government contract for 20,000 soldiers' gravestones. A COMPANY has been chartered in Washington for the purpose of building railroad cars from sheet steel according to methods lately invented in California.

BESIDES the 2800 all-night bakers in Philadelphia, there are 1400 male and female workers in twenty-two steam bakeries for the making of cakes, crackers and knick-knacks. THE GAUGE of the Cleveland and Canton Railroad, in Ohio, 161 miles in length, was entirely changed to standard gauge a recent Sunday. One thousand men were engaged in the work.

THERE are twenty cotton factories in Japan now in operation, with a total of 82,680 spindles. There are twenty factories now in process of establishment or extension, with an estimated capacity of 189,690 spindles. THE Pope having expressed a desire for the organization of workmen's pilgrimages to Rome next September, arrangements are being made for taking 10,000 French artisans, military under the escort of the Archbishop of Rheims.

THE International Trade Association of Flat Finishers of America was organized in Philadelphia, June 5, 1884, with 12 local unions. It now numbers 15 locals with 4000 members, and has almost complete control of every hatting center.

OFFICIAL returns in regard to female workers in all parts of Maine show that the highest wages received by a woman is that at the Waterville Mills, or one of them, namely \$12 per week. This being given to one of the fore-women, and the lowest for steady employment is \$3 weekly.

THEY have an improved method of lasting shoes in some of the Maine shoe factories by which cement is made to take the place of pegs and tacks. The device, which is patented, costs twenty per cent. less than all other articles for the purpose, and it is said to do three times the work.

THE new law in Boston which goes into effect the 1st of May will close one-half of the saloons. THE MARKETS. NEW YORK. Peewee, 3.50 @ 5.10; Milch Cows, com. to good, 30.00 @ 40.00; Calves, common to prime, 6.00 @ 9.00; Sheep, 3.85 @ 5.25; Lambs, 4.00 @ 7.00; Hogs—Dressed, 6.50 @ 7.00; Flour—City Mill Extra, 5.15 @ 5.75; Patents, 5.70 @ 7.15; Wheat—No. 2 Red, 1.05 @ 1.04; Rye—State, 62 @ 62; Barley—No. 1, 89 @ 92; Corn—Ungraded Mixed, 38 @ 48; Oats—No. 1 White, 45 @ 49; Mixed Western, 15 @ 15; Hay—No. 1, 12 @ 12; Straw—Long Rye, 85 @ 90; Lard—City Steam, 11 @ 7.60; Butter—State Creamery, 30 @ 28; Dairy Fair to good, 28 @ 25; West'n. Creamery, 20 @ 25; Factory, 14 @ 20; Cheese—State Factory, 8.00 @ 11.00; Skims—Medium, 5.00 @ 7.00; Western, 5.00 @ 11.00; Eggs—State and Penn., 23 @ 24.

BUFFALO. Steers—Western, 3.25 @ 4.00; Sheep—Medium to good, 4.25 @ 5.00; Lambs—Fair to good, 5.00 @ 6.00; Hogs—Good to heavy Yorks, 5.00 @ 5.50; Flour—Family, 5.00 @ 5.25; Wheat—No. 2 Northern, 1.00 @ 1.21; Corn—No. 3 Yellow, 40 @ 40; Oats—No. 2 White, 45 @ 35; Barley—Spring, 7.00 @ 7.50; Flour—Spring Wheat patn., 6.10 @ 7.50; Corn—Steamer Yellow, 40 @ 50; Oats—No. 2 White, 35 @ 35; Rye—State, 62 @ 64.

PHILADELPHIA. Beef—Dressed weight, 5.00 @ 6.00; Sheep—Live weight, 4.00 @ 5.00; Lambs—Live weight, 4.50 @ 5.50; Hogs—Northern, 6.50 @ 6.50.

Penn. Family, 4.00 @ 4.75; Wheat—No. 2, Red, Jan., 1.01 @ 1.08; Corn—No. 2, Mixed, Jan., 43 @ 43; Oats—Ungraded White, 43 @ 45; Potatoes—Early Rose, 43 @ 45; Butter—Creamery Extra, 31 @ 31; Cheese—Part skims, 3 @ 3.

THE Georgia Legislature has just now, for the first time, recognized the public school system in an appropriation bill.