The fires in London last year averaged about five a day-a material decrease compared with 1887.

In Paris, France, a big company has a monopoly of the funerals. This company handles 50,000 bodies yearly.

General Boulanger seems, according to the Chicago Herald, to have won the greatest victory ever recorded in politics.

The United States, with over 60,000,-000 population, has 5000 students of theology, while Germany, with 45,000,-000, has 7000.

The United States Court at Mont gomery, Ala., holds that cotton-future contracts are not gambling transactions, but valid trades.

The mild winter of 1888-9 has not proved an unalloyed blessing. Eight sleigh manufacturers in and about New York State have failed.

In some parts of the West they define a White Cap as an immoral and goodfor-nothing man who takes upon himself the duty of punishing all other immoral and good-for-nothing men.

Last year fifteen Chinamen were married in Queensland-one to a native . of the colony, one to a Victorian native, two to Scotch womrn, three to Irish women and eight to English women.

Water competition is felt by European as well as American railway lines. In France it is the canals which cut under the railroad tariffs, and the French lines are urging taxes on the canals to even up

Recent statistics show that the number of colleges and institutions in the country is the same as it was ten years ago, but the number of students has increased from 11,161 to 32,316 in the same period.

Says the New Orleans Times-Democrat: "In the present state of our coast defences a foreign force would find but little difficulty in entering any of our great ports or landing on any eligible part of our coast."

The Corean Kingdom bachelor is not Territory explains, states the Chicags spoken of as a man but a "person." He becomes a man only when he marries. Such a rule in the United States would promote marriage, declares the N York Graphic, failure or no failure.

Philadelphia Inquirer believes that if the plan of instructing pupils in the affairs of the day with the aid of the daily hours. During that time they had newspapers were more generally prac- marked out a new town, laid out the ticed, we should have fewer pedagogues and more bright scholars.

A correspondent of the London Times says that the word "teetotal" had its origin through a stuttering temperance orator, who urged on his hearers that nothing less than "te-te-te-total" abstinence would satisfy temperance reformers. Some one at once adopted "teeto tal" as a suitable word, and it sprang into general use.

A singular exhibition has just been held at Meningen, Germany. It consisted of 250 newspapers containing articles upon the death of the Emperor William I., representing no fewer than fifty-four languages, among which, of course, all the European, with their dialects, were represented; while Bengali, Hindi, Guz- founders, fell dead of heart disease bezurati, Chinese, Japanese and Hawalian may also be found.

An old fellow in a Wisconsin town who has been running a private bank for some years was recently requested to publish some sort of a statement. So he posted the following on the door of his bank: "Notice-This 'ere bank has got \$50,000 behind her. She don't owe nobody a red cent. Good paper discounted as heretofore, and nobody proposes to cut sticks for Mexico or Canada." There was no run on that bank.

According to the report of Adjutant-General Drum the organized militia force of the United States consists of 106,506 men, of whom 8397 are commissioned officers. But back of this force stand 8, 104,628 available men subject to organization in case of war. This showing, the New York World thinks, ought to cause foreign nations to think twice before knocking the chip off our broad shoulder.

There will be an important congress of the Scotch-Irish race in Columbia, Tens., on the 8th of next May. Distinguished orators and scholars of that race will read papers commemorating the deeds of the Scotch-Irish. Columbia was chosen as the place of meeting because it is central in location, and was the home of two famous Scotch-Irishmen, Andrew have tapped Lake George for less money Jackson and James K. Polk. The date than the total expense attending Croton chosen is the most delightful season of the year in that latitude, and every effort will be made to insure the comfort and promote the pleasure of those who attend. The congress will be a revelation to many people, in that it will show how numerous and influential the Scotch-Irish in this country are.

In Philadelphia the other night, a young lover sat down on the front door step of his sweetheart's house and shot himself. "He followed an old Japanese custom," comments the Atlanta Constitution. "In Japan it used to be the fashion for a gentleman when he was very mad with another to rip out his own bowels in front of his enemy's house. It was supposed that this action hurt the feelings of his survivor. But it won't work in th's country."

It is feared that lovers of blanc mange will have to go without their favorite delicacy another year or else pay a very high price for the material from which it is made. Sea moss gatherers along the Vineyard and South shores of Massachusetts are in despair. Almost none is being secured. They attribute the dearth of the moss to the unusually mild weather with no ice. Reports from other shores more distant are of complaints of little or no moss at this time, when there should be plenty.

A Chinese passenger agent is one of the railroad novelties furnished by the Pacific States. He has been lately in Los Angeles, Cal., and a writer from that city describes him as a good deal better mannered and better dressed than a large percentage of white Americans. He is known by the not-particularly-Oriental name of "Charley Sloan." He wears kid gloves, sports a gold-headed cane, and his linen is immaculate. Morever, he is described as a good talker and a generally intelligent person. He got his training in a railroad office at Omaha.

The population of the United States on the 1st of January, 1889, was, estimates the New York Tribune, probaby close to 64,300,000. For the immigration during the previous twelve months had been 518,518, as officially reported, and at the rate of increase maintained for three previous decades, with the actual immigration added each year, the population should have reached the figures above given. At the same rate, if the immi gration during the year and a half remaining should amount to 800,000, the population at the date of the next census, July 1, 1890, would be about 67,-000,000. The increase is now more than 100,000 each month, exclusive of immigration, or about 3300 every day.

A recent little incident in the Indian Herald, why the West is "great" and why it grows so quickly. It will be well known to our readers that the Oklahoma "boomers" have for some time past been trying to settle in the territory, but have been hindered by armed force. In the present instance their advanced guard got a start of thirty-six town lots and divided the ground among themselves. When they were seized they were holding a town meeting and considering a proposition to advertise for bids on an electric light plant. Evidently the electric light stands high. among the things considered necessary by the Western settler.

W. Scott Glore, for seven years largely interested in the Frankfort Lottery of Kentucky, has recently died of paralysis of the brain at the age of forty-eight years. He left a fortune of \$150,000 for a widow and one son. All of the lottery offices in Louisville that he was sole owner of have been closed. A strange fatality, says the Cincinnati Enquirers has followed the owners of this lottery. Ex-Governor Bramlette, one of the fore he realized any of its profits; C. M. Briggs, another, met the same fate: Wiley Barrow made a fortune in it and died suddenly while on a visit to Colorado; Charlie Howard, one of the founders, and who also was one of the starters of the New Orleans lottery, was thrown from a buggy in New York and killed; E. L. Stewart, who had a long legal contest about the lottery, fell dead on the street, and George Miller, a prominent owner. died of delirium tremens.

Under the heading "Unconscious Suicide" William Hosea Ballou makes some gruesome statements in the North American Review about the water supplies of great cities. He says, for example: "A number of cemeteries drain into Brooklyn's sources of water supply. Long Island City pumps its water out of an underground frog pond. Jersey City, Newark, Elizabeth and Hoboken secure their water from the dirty Passaic River. Albany and Kingston have muddy supplies of water. Philadelphia pumps up Schuylkill sewage. St. Louis is burdened with mud and fith from the Mississippi. Boston's water system is polluted by a poisonous vegetable growth. Chicago sewage so completely invests lower Lake Michigan that in summer time the hydrant water actually smells of the filth. New York might water, which has cost upward of \$90,-000,000, Croton water, politically and physically, is probably the most corrupt supply extant." These are vigorous statements made with attractive terseness, remarks the New York Commercial Advertiser. The only trouble with them is that most of them are not true.

# TRAGEDIES ON THE RAIL.

Railway Casualties in Various Parts of the Country.

California Bandits Rob a Train and Commit Murder.

The Coroner held an inquest over the body of Charles F. Gabert, who was killed in the train robbery near Pixley, Cal., the other evening. He was a native of West Virginia, aged twenty years, and was instantly killed. Testimony given by P. T. Folger, engineer, and C. J. Alder, fireman, showed that when leaving Pixley two masked men boarded the engine with shotguns and ordered the engineer to pull out. They fired a shot when two miles out and ordered the engineer to slow down. The engineer and fireman were taken lack by the robbers to the express car, and a bomb was thrown under the The explosion nearly turned the car The messenger came out when or-

of the robbers entered the car, while the other held the fireman, engineer and messenger under cover. Meanwhile Brakeman Gabert came up on one side of the car and Bentley came up on the other side to see the cause of the delay. When they were ap-proaching, one robber exclaimed: "Stop," and fired. Gabert received a heavy load of buckshot in the heart and head, killing him

instantly.

The robbers then reached under the car and fired at the other man. Bentley was struck by several shot in the abdomen and right arm. The robbers then marched the three men upon the engine and backed away into the darkness. It was thought that the affair was not the way of professionals as it was needlessly work of professionals, as it was needlessly murderous. The robbers secured only \$400.

Armed parties were scouring the country in search of the robbers.

A dispatch received from Bakersfield says that the robbers had been overtaken by the officers who went in pursuit, and that one of the former was killed and one captured alive.

The Bodies Were Burned Up. A serious accident occurred to a train from Bangor to St. John's, near Boyd's Mills, two miles east of Kingman, Me. The following

were killed;
John English Campbell, mail clerk; Henry-Goodman, a fireman; W. D. Mudgett, rail way postal clerk.
It is reported that the bodies were burned

in the wreck. J. Angel, engineer, was seriously injured, but no passengers are reported as seriously injured.

The cars had Sewell heaters in them, but

they caught fire from the locomotive immediately after leaving the track. The mail, baggage and parlor cars were burned together with the express mail matter and baggage. A wrecking-train, with physicians on board, went to the scene of the disaster. The Maine Central people are doing everything possible for the injured passengers.

The latest accounts said the accident was caused by the deaving of the roll grides be accounted by the deaving of the roll grides by

caused by the drawing of the rail spikes by the frost. One body had been recovered, supposed to be that of Goodman. When the ne was derailed it plunged along the side of the track for quite a distance, tearing up the sleepers and cutting down telegraph poles, thereby severing all means of tele-

Passenger Train Wrecked. A north-bound passenger train on the Northern Central Railroad was thrown from the track by a broken rail near Ralston, Penn. About fifteen pasnear Ralston, Penn. About fifteen pas-sengers were injured, none of them seriously. Conductor William Dale was supposed to be fatally injured, but is better, d his recovery was expected. The car led down an embankment, turning over twice in its descent. The passengers suffered intensely from the cold during the delay caused by the accident.

Killed in a Collision. Two freight trains collided on the Knoxville and Ohio Railroad, half a mile north of Knoxville, Tenn. One fireman was killed and both engines wrecked. Several freight The cars were demolished cars were demolished. The accident caused by a misunderstanding of orders.

# MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

THE novel "Robert Eismere" has been PAULINE LUCCA, the singer, was born in

KATE CLAXTON, the American actress, is

OSCAR R. GLEASON, the horse tamer, is to go to the Pacific Islands. THE New York Herald is trying to run Wagner music out of town.

SOUTH APRICA supports six English theat-rical companies and one circus. MME. TUSSAUD'S famous wax works in Mrs. Languary has had enough of Lady Macbeth and is now playing Rosalind.

MAGGIE MITCHELL'S new play, "Ray," is one of the best she has ever appeared in. MADAME PATTI is to visit the United States this year and give thirty concerts. ADONIS DIXEY will produce the long-promised burlesque of "Faust" next season. FANNY DAVENPORT save she will continue to play "La Tosca" all through next season. SARAH BERNHARDT recently made her first appearance at Rome, Italy, in "Ca-

In Vienna "The Yeomen of the Guard" is being sung in German under the title of "Der Capitan Wilson." ONE of Boston's millionaires is to establish

an orchestra to give weekly symphony con-certs at Tremont Temple. THE actress Janauschek, who has been playing in America for many years, was born in Prague, Austria, in 1830.

MRS. W. J. FLORENCE will retire from the stage at the end of the present season, and will make her home in the Harlem section of

MME. MARIE ANTE, first wife of Nicolini, the tenor, is dead. She obtained a divorce from her husband several years ago, and he married Adeline Patti.

LILLIAN RUSSELL, the opera bouffe queen, will not dine without a saiad if there is one to be had, and Clara Louisa Kellogg's favorite dish is pork and beans. MME. EMMA FARIA, a young prima donna from San Francisco, had a really splendid debut in concert in London. Bome of the critics compare her to Van Zandt.

MRS. BERNARD-BERRE, the Anderson, Potter and Langtry of London, unified, gave 1500 three-penny pieces to poor children who were feasted in Victoria Hall a short

MISS SUSANNAH WARFIELD, who con posed the march which was performed at the inaugural ball of William Henry Harrison, lives near Sykesville, Carroll County, Mary-land, and is over ninety years old. WILSON BARRETT will sail from England

next October for this country, where he will tour next season. He will carry but six car-loads of scenery; thirteen was the number he was credited with during his last tour of the United States. AGNES HUNTINGTON, the American singer AGNES HUNTNGTON, the American singer from Buffalo, N. Y., who has just made a great hit in London as Captain Paul Jones in comic opera, is a tall fair woman, with splendid sunny hair, deep blue eyes and just twenty-five years of age.

Miss Many Anderson, the actress, paid a visit of several hours to the penitentiary at Joliet, Iil., the other day. She tasted the soup prepared for the convicts, bit into a big chunk of breas, and showed herself deeply interested in what she saw during her brief stay behind the bars.

### THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Eastern and Middle States. THE Baron Li Yen Pang, a Chinese mer-chant said to be worth \$40,000, has arrived n New York from China. He has two branch houses in New York and two in San Fran-

THE deadlock in the Delaware Legislature, The deadlock in the Delaware Legislature, which had continued for three weeks, has been broken, the House sending to the Senate as nominations for State Treasurer and Auditor the names of the present incumbents, William Herbert and James H. Boyce, whose nominations were at once confirmed by the Senate.

GOVERNOR GREEN, of New Jersey, has nominated Edwin O. Chapman as State Su-perintendent of Public Instruction, to take the place from which Colonel Fuller was deposed by the Legislature.

South and West. EDWARD QUINN killed his brother John by striking him on the head with a club during a quarrel at their home in Avondale, Ohio. The murder was committed in the presence of their mother. Both men were

A CYCLONE in Shelby and Bibb Counties, caused a loss of five or six lives and much destruction of property. The path of the tornado was twenty miles in length, and crossed a rather thickly settled country. Forty houses were unroofed or blown down and several hundred head of cattle and horses killed outright. The damage is estimated at

In response to an invitation of the Na tional Tariff Reform League, in session at Chicago, Mr. Cleveland declared his inability to attend, but expressed himself as heartily to attend, but expressed himself as nearth in accord with the purposes of the League.

THE machine shops, round house and car shops of the "Big Four" railroad at Cin-cinnati were destroyed by fire. The loss is HIGH winds caused a fire at Rock Rapids,

Iowa, to spread very rapidly, until nearly the entire business part of the city was consumed. Twenty-one firms were burned out. The total loss reached \$75,000.

JESSE CALHOUN, a descendant of Jöhn C. Calhoun, and one of the wealthiest residents of Pike County, Ark, committed suicide after hearing that his only son had been arrested in Texas for murder.

IGNATZ LEDERER, City Tax Collector of Bloomington, Ill., and his assistant, Harry M. Leehr, have been arrested, charged with forgery and grand larceny. A LABORER named Joseph Brogan, at Up-on, Wis., killed his wife and two children,

aged five and seven years respectively, and then committed suicide with a dull razor. I WHILE Harry Brown, John Williams, and a third man name unknown, were crossing the Kanawha, at Rush Run, W. Va., the boat was overturned and all were drowned.

LATE returns indicated the election of Charles F. Booker, Democrat, and R. P. C. Wilson, Democrat, for the Fiftieth and Fifty first Congresses respectively, to succeed the late James N. Burnes, of Missouri.

CHINESE coolies are being constantly smuggled from British Columbia into the United States by way of coast steamers from Port Townsend, Washington Territory.

Washington.

THE Court of Claims has given judgment for \$1,002,527 in favor of the Central Pacific Railroad Company in its suit against the United States for withholding dividends.

THE statue of Lewis Cass, presented to the people of the United States by Michigan for a place in Statuary Hall, at the Capitol, has been unveiled.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND was affected by nervous prostration, brought on by over-work. In the evening after his attack, however, he was better and resumed work. THE President has signed the Nicaragua

Canal bill THE Fresident and Mrs. Cleveland were entertained at a dinner by Secretary and

HON, EDWARD PRELPS, United States Minister to England, called at the Whits House and had an interview with the Presi-

THE House adopted the conference report on the Direct Tax bill by a vote of yeas 105 nays 88. It was then taken to the Senate ed, and five minutes afterward sent to the President.

THE President has sent to Congress all the correspondence which has taken place be tween this Government and Great Britain in regard to the dismissal of Lord Sackville West as Minister of Great Britain to the United States.

SECRETARY BAYARD has received a cable-gram from Minister Hubbard, at Japan, angram from Sinister Indoard, at Japan, an-nouncing that a treaty of amity, commerce and navigation between the United States and Japan had been signed by the represen-tatives of the Governments.

Foreign.

KING OTTO, of Bavaria, has been proved without a doubt to be hopelessly insane. MANY persons have recently died of famine in the Province of Orenburg,

EDITOR WILLIAM O'BRIEN, patriot after refusing to permit his counsel to apologize for calling Colonel Turner a sneak thief in court, was sentenced to six months in jail without hard labor. This added to the former sentence makes his term of imprisonment ten months,

Two thousand five hundred men were dis charged a few days ago from the canal works at Tavernilla, Panama. The con-tractors continue to curtail the work on all the sections. There is a strong military force on the line of the canal to maintain

THIRTY THOUSAND people witnessed the game of baseball at Naples, Italy, between two professional teams from this country, the All Americas and the Chicagos.

EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH, of Austria, has summoned the heir presumptive, Archduke Franz, to Pesth to introduce him to the lead-ing political men and members of the aristo-

THE Cologne Gazette (Bismarck's organ). says that Germany will demand of the United States Government that it arrest and punish Klein, the American whom Germans charges with baving led the Mataafaites in Samoa at the time of the repulse of the Ger-

MM. FREYCINET and Meline have under taken to form a Cabinet for President Car THE Duke of Newcastle has been married in London to Miss Candy, a famous English

A TERRIBLE famine prevails in the south ern portion of Corea. THE Sultan of Morocco has ceded a piece of the coast near the Algerian frontier to the Germans, who will use it for a naval station

ELEVEN MARINERS PERISH. A Bark Goes Ashore and the Helms man Kills Himself.

The British bark Josie Troop, of St. John, New Brunswick, Captain W. G. Cook, with a cargo of chalk, from London to Philadelphia, with a crew of seventeen men, went ashore in a gale near Chicamacomico, about twenty miles north of Cape Hat-teras, N. C., at seven o'clock in the evening, and became, with her cargo, a total loss.

Nine of the crew and the captain were drowned, one of the men committed suicide, and the rest of the crew were saved by the life saving corps. The vessel has gone to pieces and the fragments are scattered on the beach.

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The seaman, George Williams, who was at the wheel when the bark went ashore, and is supposed to have been asleep, was so horrified at the result when he saw so many of his messmates perish that he committed suicide by cutting his throat with his sheath knife.

Albert Williams, one of the crew, was badly injured about the neck while being transferred from the wreck to the lifeboat of the station.

LATER NEWS.

THRRhode Island House of Representatives by a vote of three to thirty-one has passed Ballot Reform bill, based on the Australian

THE discovery of the register of the burned Park Central Hotel in Hartford, Conn., dispels many painful succertainties as to the loss of life. A summary of the cesults of the disaster shows that there were forty-two persons in the hotel, of whom twenty-two nra dead, ten are injured and ten escaped unharmed.

GEORGE SMITH, seventy years old, was torn to atoms and much property was damaged by a premature blast in New York.

Two buildings of Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Conn., were badly damaged by the explosion of dynamite bombs by freshmen who were celebrating Washington's Birthday. Nelson C. Hubbard, a freshman was dreadfully in ured.

OSCAR EVANS, a bark contractor, shot and killed James Kirby, and mortally wounded A. L. Hoke, near Romney, W. Va. About a week ago Hoke horsewhipped Evans.

THE highest price ever paid for a borse in America was given a few days since, when the trotting stallion Bell Boy was sold for \$51,000 at auction at Lexington, Ky.

THE long deadlock in the West Virginia Legislature has been broken by the re-election of James E. Kenna as United States

A HEAVY snow storm has raged all over Georgia. More than six and a half inches of snow fell in Atlanta. It is the heaviest fall of snow within the recollection of people

TUNNEL No. 17 on the Cinchnati Southern Road, near Sunburnt, Tenn., is on fire, and in a property sense it is the greatest catastrophe any railroad ever suffered. The officers of the road placed the loss at from \$400,-000 to \$600,000. Coal sears were ablaze which promised to burn for months. The tunnel is 120 feet long.

COUNTY TREASURER JAMES M. LOVE, of Circleville, Ohio, has absconded and is a defaulter in the sum of \$26,000.

GOVERNOR WILSON and General Goff, each of whom claims to have been elected Governor of West Virginia, effected an understanding to the effect that the former should hold over as Governor and the latter qualify as such on March 4. The case was then to be taken to the Supreme Court for a decision.

HEAVY snow storms and very cold weather are reported from the South and the West.

D. H. SMITH, a colored man who had been shipping hands to Arkansas, was lynched by white men at Artesia, Miss.

THE President has vetoed the House bill to quiet title of settlers on the Des Moines River lands in Iowa.

DR. D. WILLARD BLISS, who attended President Garfield during his illness, died a few days ago at his residence in Washing-

PRESIDENT and Mrs. Cleveland gave their last reception to the public. It was the most brilliant of the winter's series. The White House was handsomely decked with flowers.

JAMES C. FLOOD, the California millionaire, died at Hiedelberg, Germany, of Bright's disease. The remains will be embalmed and will rest till May in the churchyard chapel there, when they will be transferred to San Francisco.

PLANTER MODESTA RUIZ, who was captured by bandits in the Remedios district, Cuba, has been released on the payment of a ransom of \$30,000.

THE British Parliament has reassembled The Queen's opening speech asked for inreased supplies for defensive purposes. WILLIAM BASSETT, builder, of Boston

and Everett, Mass., has gone into insolvency. His Habilities are stated at \$674,000, A DISASTROUS fire broke out in Warren,

Penn., and, owing to the severity of the weather, resulted in a loss of over \$70,000 to the town and the destruction of a block. MRS. JAMES WESTCOTT, the young wife of a prominent citizen and lumber merchant

at Hazzard's, Penn., and a servant, Jennie Walters, were burned to death. A BUILDING in Bristol, Conn., was wrecked by an explosion of powder.

THE news of the signing by the President of the bill making four new States was received in those States with satisfaction. A telegram from Helena says that all Montana is celebrating, and Dakota is really beside herself with delight. From every hamlet large enough to have a telegraph office come despatches expressive of a state of jubilation bordering on insanity.

GENERAL HARRISON has rented a pew in the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant. Mr. Blaine will also worship there, DR. FRANCIS WHARTON, Solicitor of the

State Department, and a prominent author of legal works, is dead in his sixty-ninth CONSUL GENERAL WALLER, at London,

England, has sent his resignation to the State Department, to take effect immediately on the appointment of his successor. THE President has nominated J. Lee

Tucker, of New York, to be Deputy Fifth Auditor of the Treasury, vice Alfred E. Lewis, removed, and James C. Perry, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Surgeon in the Marine Hospital service. THE Chinese Minister and suite have arrived at Washington from Havana, Cuba.

BENTON J. HALL, Commissioner of Patents, has rendered a decision in the matter of the petitions of Gray and McDonough to reopen the Bell telephone interferences. The Commissioner refuses to reopen the interferences and reaffirms the award of priority to Bell.

FOURTEEN streets, containing 1000 houses, with temples, schools, and hospitals, in Shid snoki, Japan, were recently burned to the ground. At Yokosuki, fire gutted 500 houses and burned three men to death. On the same day ten houses at Joctio and fifteen at Tokio were burned.

CHILI has passed a law excluding Chinese mmigrants from the Republic. But all other lasses of immigrants find a warm welcome GARRIEL DUMONT, who was Riel's lieutenant in the bloody half-breed rebellion, has been pardoned by the Canadian Govern ment and is now on his way to his old stamp

PRINCE RUPERT, the eldest son of Prince Ludwig of Bavaria, the heir to the Bavarian

DISEASE DEFYING DIAGNOSIS Fifty Deaths from a Mysterious

Malady in Kentucky A dispatch from Marion, Ky., says: A terrible disease made its appearance in Webster County a few weeks ago. It raged disastrously for a time and it was thought that it had spent its fury, as no new cases were reported for ten days. The disease, however, has reappeared in more violent form than ever near Dixon, the county seat.

form than ever near Dixon, the county seat. Nine new cases have also developed near Free Union. Four deaths occurred during one day, and the other five patients were not expected to live. Five additional cases developed next day.

The malady is confined to a strip of territory bordering on a small stream called Crab-Orchard Creek. In one family of seven only the father escaped. Up to this time but two persons attacked had recovered from the disease, one of whom is totally blind and the other a cripple for life. There have already been more than fifty deaths. At one cemetery on one day there were four burials.

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Doctors have not been able to make a diagnosis of the disease. The majority are inclined to the opinion that it is cerebro spinal meningitis of the congestive malignant type. The patient is taken with sharp pains in the string which scene with sharp pains in the spine, which soon reach the brain and are followed by violent cramps and con-vulsions, from which death ensues.

#### THE LABOR WORLD.

BUILDERS favor trade schools. THE Federation of Bookkeepers has 4000

FRANCE owes much of her wealth to her

GREAT numbers of discharged canal laborers are leaving Pansma.

THE single strength glass blower averages \$120 for 160 hours work. THE pay of telegraph operators varies from \$40 to \$100 a month.

NEW YORK silk workers have lately received ten per cent, advance in wages.

PHILADELPHIA boasts that just now she makes the best stained glass in the world THE Tennessee Legislature has just passed law requiring all barber shops to close on

Sunday. MASTER WORKMAN POWDERLY, of the K. of L., is heartily in favor of the Australian

system of voting. THE army service corps in England is to form a class for the instruction of smiths, wheelers and saddlers.

THERE are in New York city a number of Italian bricklayers and a good many stonemasons of that nationality. EIGHTEEN out of fifty-eight National Trade nions of the United States have their head-

quarters in New York city. Some of the railway companies in England are forming their employes into railway battalions for home defense.

THE Bricklayers and Masons' International Union has 176 unions; \$200,000 have been expended for strikes and \$350,000 in benefits. A NATIONAL PATTERN-MAKERS' LEAGUE has been organized in Philadelphia with nine lodges, whose combined membership is

BUILDERS of this country handle seven hundred and fifty million dollars a year, according to statements made at their conven-

In a short time an oysterman's national union will be formed, which will take in eleven existing unions, with a membership

THE Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers was instituted in August 17, 1863, and at the present time has 392 sub-divisions and over 5,000 members. THE New Jersey silk weavers have had

their wages repeatedly reduced within the last few years. They used to get \$16 a week; they now get \$9. TENNESSEE iron-makers plume themselves not a little over the fact that no boiler made of their famous charcoal cold blast has ever

been known to explode. THE double-strength glass-blower in a tenpot furnace makes an average of \$1.75 an hour. He works seven hours a day, running urs a day, running his daily stipend up to \$12.25.

In the New York State Senate a bill has

been introduced by Senator Cantor "fixing the wages of day laborers for the State at \$3 GERMAN mechanics are largely educated in

trade schools and the London guilds are now expending their accumulated wealth in the establishment of similar schools throughout

What is known as the Paving Cutters' National Union was organized on June 1, 1887, at Baltimore, Md., with eleven locals and 500 members. At present there are thirty-six branches, with 1800 members. Or the national labor organizations in the United States, the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners has the most number of local unions, having 484. At the foot of the list is the International Boatmen's Union, with two subordinate bodies.

BRUNSWICE, Ga., is to have the largest cotton press in the Southern States. It weights 230 tons, stands on a base twelve by twenty-four feet, connecting with four links thirty-eight feet long, each weighing nine tons. It required six months' time to build it.

THE State of Michoscan, Mexico, is to send an exquisite picture in feathers, representing one of the most picturesque and poetic views of the lake of Patzcuaro, to the I aris Exposition. A worker in wax is making a minia-ture copy of the City of Mexico in that pliable material, also for the Paris Exposition.

# THE MARKETS.

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Dressed.....
Flour—City Mill Extra..... Wheat—No. 2 Red..... Barley—No. 1.
Corp—Ungraded Mixed...
Onts—No. 1 White
Mixed Western.... Hay-No. 1 Lard-City Steam......
Butter-Eigin Creamery...
Dairy fair to good...
West, Im. Creamery Factory
Cheese—State Factory....
Skims—Light....
Western...
Eggs—State and Penn....

BUFFALO Steers—Western 3 25
Sheep—Medium to Good 4 00
Lambs—Fair to Good 4 00
Hogs—Good to Choice Yorks 5 25
Flour—Family 5 03
Wheat—No. 2 Northern 96 orn-No. 3, Yellow.....

Flour-Spring Wheat pat's. Oats-No. 2 White..... WATERTOWN (MASA) CATTLE MARKET.

-Lave weight..... Hogs-Northern PHILADELPHIA