

# RECENT HAPPENINGS.

## Interesting News from Different Parts of the Country.

### A Man Murdered in His Buggy and Then Mangled.

George S. Eggerston, of Springfield, Ohio, went to Urbana to attend the funeral of a relative, driving to that place in a buggy. He left Urbana about 7 o'clock, and when next seen was dead.

About 9 o'clock William Wilson, a farmer, living three miles north of Springfield, had his attention attracted by a horse and buggy, because he thought the robe was dragging in the mud. He called out but received no reply, and going nearer was horror-stricken to find that the supposed robe was a frightfully mangled man, whom he recognized as Eggerston.

Over the front axle, between the shaft and the right wheel, rested the right arm and shoulder. Beneath the axle, face downward, was the head. His body dragged along the ground, the feet rubbing against one of the hind wheels. The body was wedged in so tightly between the shaft and the wheel that it was with difficulty extricated. The spokes of the front wheel, against which the body rested, were entirely cleaned of paint. His limbs were frightfully bruised from striking the ground and two large gashes were cut in his back. The presence of these two wounds could not be accounted for and indicate foul play. He had no money of any account on his person and could hardly have been the victim of persons desiring mere plunder. Evidence was to the effect that some enemy, with whom he had trouble, is responsible for his death.

### A Chinaman's Tempting Bribe.

Customs Inspector Reynolds, of San Francisco, has refused a tempting bribe offered by a Chinaman if he would steal a part of the records kept in the Chief Bureau at the Custom House. The Celestial who offered the bribe was Leong Sing, a sleek, portly pagan, who had been hanging around the federal courts since the habeas corpus route became a favorite one through which Chinese dealers reroaided their property. Two thousand dollars was offered to Reynolds as an inducement to get the desired books.

The records that were so much desired by the Chinese are the only ones that stand between them and the gold of Coolie. The records contain the names of all Chinese who left the country from 1883 until the passage of the Exclusion act and the names of all Chinese who left the country and those who returned between 1878 and 1883. If they got these there would be no means of combating Chinese testimony on these points.

Sing is supposed to have made the offer on behalf of a Chinese syndicate of man dealers. His offense is not punishable by statutes, but it will lead to a close watch over the records.

### Indians Ready to Fight.

The Mills Lac Indians of Minnesota armed themselves in preparation for a fight with the settlers, and it was feared there would be trouble of the most serious character. The cedced a portion of their lands to the United States through the Chippewa Commission, but they complained that since the treaty was signed white settlers in large numbers have squatted on some of their best tracts. Shaw Bosh Kang, chief of the Mills Lac, now nearly ninety years old, arrived in Little Falls accompanied by several of the Chippewa braves. They insisted that the white settlers should vacate until the Indians selected their lands in severity. Shaw Bosh Kang said: "We are old but not foolish, and will not be robbed of our homes." The squatters were notified to leave the reservation at once, and it was expected a company of regulars would be sent there from Fort Snelling to enforce the order and prevent the Indians from killing the whites.

### An Insane Mother's Deed.

Mrs. Nathaniel Strang, of Pulaski, Mich., tried to kill herself and her daughter with arsenic, saying that she feared that murderers were after them. A doctor saved the woman, but Mrs. Strang remained in a state of great nervous excitement. During the temporary absence of Mr. Strang she filled two tumblers with a solution of Paris green and handing one to her daughter Mand, aged eighteen, and taking the other herself, she drank her own dose and forced the girl at the muzzle of a revolver to also swallow the draught. Physicians were called, but the poison had done its work.

Mrs. Strang died at about midnight in horrible agony, and Mand died an hour or two later. Mand insisted to the last that her mother had forced her to drink the poison, and said she did not want to die, and she begged piteously of her friends and the physician to save her life.

### After Forty Years.

Mrs. Stella Seving and Alexander C. Lanier, oldest son of the founder of the banking firm of Winslow, Lanier & Co., have been married at Indianapolis. Mrs. Seving had been a widow six months. She and the present bridegroom became engaged forty years ago at the town of Madison, Ind. Lanier went to Europe and when he returned he found her married to another. It is said that he took a vow never to marry another woman.

**Poisoned From Smelting Works.**  
The western suburb of Cheltenham, Mo., has been thrown into a state of panic by the information that the death of several people had been traced to arsenical poisoning from well water. It was asserted that the arsenic originally came from the Cheltenham Smelting and Refining Works. In the refining of ores at the works large quantities of arsenic are used. Five persons died from this poisoning.

## A TUG GOES TO PIECES.

### Many Lives Lost by a Wreck on the Oregon Coast.

The tug Fearless, of Coos Bay, Oregon, Captain James Hill commanding, ran on to North Spit at the mouth of the Umpqua River and soon went to pieces, not one of the crew or passengers escaping. She was on her return trip from Astoria, where she had to take a lot of children lately discharged from the cannery on Coos Bay.

She was last seen off Upper Ten Mile steaming slowly down the coast just outside the breakers, when she was running very high and her whistle was heard off the mouth of the Umpqua. Before night she gave three sharp whistles, which was the last heard of her until the next morning, when her pilot boat, with the end stove, a small boat, on side of her hull, and numerous small pieces were discovered coming up the river with the tide.

The number lost is said to be from ten to fifteen souls. The Fearless was not generally considered seaworthy.

A new and dangerous cattle disease has made its appearance in Pratt County, Ill. The cattle are attacked in the hind legs and feet so terribly that the animals on the skin die in them. When it comes up on their body death ensues in a short time. The animals never live over twenty-four hours after they are attacked.

The Bohemian Diet has unanimously passed a resolution declaring that all members who have been absent from the sittings without leave since the opening of the session shall be held to have resigned their seats. This decision ousted the German members of the Diet.

## THE NEW STATES.

### First Governors of Washington and Montana—Their Careers.

Elihu P. Ferry, the Governor of the State of Washington, was born at Monroe, Mich., August 9th, 1825. He studied law there and at Fort Wayne, Ind., and was admitted to the bar in 1845, at the age of twenty years. He was removed to Waukegan, Ill., where he engaged in the practice of his profession. He resided in that place until July, 1860, when he removed to the Territory of Washington. He was the first Mayor of the city of Waukegan. In 1852 and in 1856 he was Presidential Elector for the district in which he resided. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention in Illinois in 1861. From 1861 to 1863 he was Bank Commissioner in that State.



GOVERNOR FERRY, OF WASHINGTON.

State. During these years he was a member of Governor Yates's staff as Assistant Adjutant-General, with rank of Colonel, and assisted in organizing, equipping and sending into the field a large number of Illinois regiments. In 1869 he was appointed Surveyor-General of Washington Territory, and reappointed in 1870. All of these appointments were conferred upon him by President Grant. He served as Governor until November, 1880, when he moved to Seattle and became a member of a prominent law firm. In September, 1887, he retired from the practice of the law and entered the Puget Sound National Bank as Vice-President, which position he now occupies. On the 4th of September last he was nominated by the Republican party for Governor of the State, and on the first day of October was elected by more than 8000 majority.

Joseph K. Toole, the Governor of Montana, was born in Savannah, Mo., May 12th, 1851. He received his education in the public schools of St. Joseph, Mo., and at the Western Military Academy at New Castle, Ky., of which General E. Kirby Smith was principal. Choosing law for his profession, he was admitted to the bar, and has ever since continued his practice. Entering enthusiastically into political life, he was elected District-Attorney of the Third Judicial District of Montana in 1873, and was re-elected in



GOVERNOR TOOLE, OF MONTANA.

1874; and in 1881 was elected to the Twelfth Legislative Assembly as a member of the Council from Lewis and Clarke Counties, and was chosen President of the Council. He was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention which met in Helena in January, 1884. Afterward he was elected a delegate to the Forty-ninth Congress as a Democrat, receiving 15,384 votes against 13,385 votes for Knowles, Republican. He was re-elected a delegate to the Fiftieth Congress, receiving 16,225 votes against 13,347 for Dwyer, Republican. In the late gubernatorial contest the election was very close, Mr. Toole's majority being about 300.

## MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

"PAUL JONES" has passed its 300th performance in London.

SOPHIE EYRE made a hit in San Francisco with her new play, "The Witch."

CLARA LOUISE KELLOGG is now so stout that she will never again be seen on the stage.

PATTI is said to be the only person in the world who can draw a full house to Albert Hall, in London.

MYRON W. WHITNEY, the popular Boston basso, is proud of the fact that he was a brideslayer for seven years of his life.

MINNIE HARK, the American singer, has bought the house near Lucerne, Switzerland, that used to be occupied by Wagner.

"SHENANDOAH" will very probably be shortly produced in London, such has been the success of Bronson Howard's play in this country.

The fashion of trying new plays at matinees is becoming so common in London that the performances themselves are losing all significance.

It is reported that W. H. Crane has won a marked success in the West with "The Senator," the play which was written for him by David D. Lloyd.

PRINCESS BEATRICE played the pianoforte accompaniment to M. Wolff's violin when that artist appeared before the Queen of England recently.

A NUMBER of Parisian women have sent an address to M. Sardon thanking him for his rehabilitation of the stage mother-in-law in "Belle Maman."

BUFFALO BILL contemplates taking his Wild West show to India. Certain Indian potentates who visited Paris in the summer advised him to do so.

At the Dal Verme Theatre, in Milan, a play has been brought out entitled "The Retreat from Moscow," in which the leading character is Napoleon I.

MISS JUCH, who sang Gounod's "Ave Maria," drew a large crowd, including President and Mrs. Harrison, to the Church of the Covenant in Washington.

FREDERICK WARDE has commenced preparations for a Shakespearean revival in New York city next season, when he will have the assistance of several prominent actors and actresses.

SIR GEORGE GROVE, the eminent English musician, was educated for a civil engineer. He designed the first two modern lighthouses erected by the English Government in the West Indies.

MR. WILLIAM ARCHER, in the London World, reads Mr. Irving a lecture for his failure to produce new works. He says: "He has done much for the English stage, nothing for the English drama."

MRS. FUCHS-MADI has appeared at the Lamoureux Concerts in Paris with great success. She is now singing in Berlin and will probably appear in New York in the oratorio of "Messiah" this winter.

## LATER NEWS.

The prize of \$300 offered by the publisher of the *American Agriculturist* for the largest crop of oats from one acre has been awarded to R. W. Strickland, of Albion, N. Y. His acre yielded a few pounds more than 134 bushels of oats.

JAMES SMITH, a letter carrier, killed his two baby children at his home in New York city. He was slowly dying of consumption, and his wife had left him after a quarrel.

STEPHEN PETTUS, the well known tobacco merchant, and Secretary and Treasurer of the Brooklyn Union Elevated Railroad, was shot and almost instantly killed in New York city by Mrs. Hannah M. Southworth, also of Brooklyn.

The steamer *Manhattan*, bound from New York for West Point, Va., came into collision with the four-masted schooner *Agnes Manning*, and sank in fifteen minutes. Twenty-two of the crew were picked up at sea. The remainder, including three passengers, were probably lost.

L. LUM SMITH, editor of the *Agents' Herald*, convicted of libeling Anthony Costack, of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, was sentenced at Philadelphia to six months' imprisonment.

A TWO-STORY brick dwelling at Braddock, Penn., was blown to pieces by an explosion of natural gas. Two persons were fatally burned and six others severely injured.

HENRY DENHART, Reo Smith and J. B. Snyder were fatally burned by an explosion of natural gas near Washington, Ill.

A FREIGHT train at Marquette, Mich., jumped a twelve-foot bank and Engineer Reinhart was killed and Fireman Tilnast fatally hurt. The engine and nine cars were wrecked.

HENRY BRUNIER, age seventeen, a butcher of Baltimore, died at the Maryland University Hospital from a severe scalding in a vat of boiling water. John Fisher is held by the police to answer the charge of throwing Brunier into the vat.

The Republic of Brazil has been definitely and regularly recognized by the United States, and the new credentials of its envoys, both ordinary and extraordinary, have been tendered Secretary Blaine, and accepted in due form by him.

The President has appointed Thomas J. Powers, of Pennsylvania, to be Naval Officer of Customs in the District of Philadelphia, and John J. Ridgeway, of Pennsylvania, to be Surveyor of Customs in the District of Philadelphia.

REV. T. DE WITT TALKMACE and his party arrived at Athens, Greece. The great preacher secured a corner stone for the new tabernacle to be built in Brooklyn. It was taken from Mars Hill, from which St. Paul addressed the Athenians.

The Republics of Uruguay and the Argentine Confederation have recognized the new United States of Brazil.

JOHN HENDRICKSON fatally shot his wife at Centre Point, Iowa, and then blew out his own brains with a shotgun.

While being tested a boiler exploded at Joplin, Mo., instantly killing John Madison and fatally wounding C. J. John, Thomas and George Johnson and A. L. Crockett.

The counsel for the defence in the Cronin murder trial at Chicago announced that they had no more evidence to offer.

EDITOR J. H. LABOURD, of Abbeville, Ala., shot and killed B. F. Bussey, of Montgomery, whom he had denounced as a swindler.

A FIRE occurred in the wholesale grocery house of Janney & Andrews, Philadelphia, resulting in the death of one man, and damage of property to the extent of \$250,000.

PROMINENT members of the Admiralty Bar of New York city and other lawyers gave a dinner to several delegates to the International Marine Conference who represented the Admiralty Bars of their own countries.

The President has appointed William H. Shel mire, of Pennsylvania, to be Pension Agent at Philadelphia.

MR. SCHUTLER, the new American Minister to Egypt, has presented his credentials to the Khediv.

A SEVEN-YEAR inquiry into an alleged wholesale poisoning in Hungary has just ended. Thirty-eight persons were poisoned, and fifty-seven arrests have been made.

THE GERMAN CONSOLE at Zanibar has confirmed the report of the safety of Dr. Peters, the explorer.

## BUILDING THE NEW NAVY.

### The Annual Report of the Chief Naval Constructor.

Theodore Wilson, Chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair of the Navy, has submitted to Secretary Tracy his annual report. The estimates for the coming fiscal year, ending June 30, 1891, include among other items the following: Preservation and completion of vessels on the stocks, purchase of materials and stores of all kinds, labor in navy yards, etc., \$1,000,000; improvement of plant at New York Navy Yard, \$50,000; on account of hulls and outfits of new ships hereafter authorized by Congress, \$4,000,000; improvement of plant at League Island yard, Philadelphia, \$250,000; construction of two tugs, \$84,000; construction of one freight boat, \$450,000.

A deficiency appropriation will be necessary in order that the work of construction and repair may be carried on during the remainder of the present fiscal year without interruption.

The single turreted monitors *Ale* said to be now in a worse than useless state, and the report recommends that something be done with them. To put them into condition for efficient service in harbor and coast defense will cost, it is estimated, \$405,000. There are thirteen of these monitors.

The Chief Naval Constructor calls attention to the difficulty of getting satisfactory bids for the construction of vessels when the cost is limited by the acts authorizing them to be built and recommends that in the future the bureau be not crippled by such legislation.

The United States has at present four steel cruisers and a steel dispatch vessel in commission. The *Baltimore*, *Vesuvius*, *Petrel* and *Charleston* have had their trial trips and may be expected soon to take their places in the cruising fleet. There are twenty-one wooden steamers and seven iron steamers still useful and serviceable. With the completion of the vessels now building and appropriated for the United States will possess ten armored vessels, thirteen single turreted monitors, twenty-one steel cruisers or gunboats, two dynamite cruisers, a practice cruiser for cadets, an armored ram, one first-class torpedo boat and seven iron steamers.

EX-MAYOR HEWITT, of New York, has bought an inhabited island, called by its fifty or sixty people Plum Island. It is one of the small islands in the Sound between Long Island and the Connecticut shore. It was sold under foreclosure for \$15,000.

## THE MERRY SIDE OF LIFE.

### STORIES THAT ARE TOLD BY THE FUNNY MEN OF THE PRESS.

#### Charity Begins at Home—Sympathy—A Chilling Welcome—They Were Business Men, Etc., Etc.

She went around and asked subscriptions for the leather black Egyptians, and the Terra del Fuogans, and the poor souls of Alaska, So she did.

For the tribes round Athabasca, And the one of Malagascut, And the poor souls of Alaska, So she did.

She longed, she said, to buy Jelly cake and jam and pie, For the anthropophagi, So she did.

And she loved the cold Norwegian, And the poor half-melted Feejian, And the dear Malacca Islander! So she did.

She sent cans of red tomato To the tribes beyond the equator, But her husband ate potato, So he did.

The poor, helpless, hopeless thing (My voice falters as I sing) Tied his clothes up with a string; Yes, he did. —Fun.

#### SYMPATHY.

He—"The poodle! Why, he's dead, don't you know?"

She—"Oh, how sad! How did it happen?"

He—"I was driving to Tuxedo and the horse bolted. Poor Toby was killed, but I escaped."

She—"What a pity!"—*Delford's Magazine.*

#### A CHILLING WELCOME.

Ugly Looking Wayfarer—"What is the man of the house?"

Farmer's Wife (with rare presence of mind)—"He's back of the wood-shed, burying a tramp."—*New York Weekly.*

#### THEY WERE BUSINESS MEN.

First Stranger (burglar)—"What is your business, sir?"

Second Dittie (counterfeiter)—"Making stamps. And yours?"

First Stranger—"Mine? Oh, I've just opened a savings bank."—*New York Sun.*

#### PITY HE WASN'T A GIANT.

Dwarf—"How much will you give me a week?"

Dime Museum Man—"Five dollars."

Dwarf—"But I'm the smallest man in the world."

Dime Museum Man—"That's all right. The smaller the man the smaller the pay."—*Epoch.*

#### A GENTLE HINT.

"Now," said the photographer, taking hold of the cloth over his apparatus, "are you quite ready?"

"Yes," replied the customer.

"Well, just keep your eye on that sign," he said, pointing to a legend on the wall which read: "Positively No Credit," and look pleasant."—*The Ledger.*

#### A DISTRESSING SITUATION.

Big Sister—"Dick, I wish you would get Mr. Niciefellow a glass of water."

Mr. Niciefellow—"Yes, my boy, and here's a dime for you."

Little Brother—"Thank you. I'll go pretty soon. Mamma said I shouldn't leave the parlor until she came back."—*New York Weekly.*

#### AFTER THE ENGAGEMENT.

Tom—"How was it, Mildred dear, that you came to accept such a cheap as I am?"

Mildred—"Well, to be perfectly frank with you, Tom darling, you were my last chance."

Tom—"I'll be frank too, sweetheart. I had asked all the other girls, but it was no go."—*Epoch.*

#### GETTING EVEN WITH SISTER.

Mr. Goodcatch (calling on the eldest sister)—"Why, Johnny, how you are grooving! You'll be a man before your sister, if you keep on."

Johnny—"You bet I will. Sister'll never be a man if she keeps on being twenty-one, like she has for the last five years."

Then there was trouble in the household.—*Lawrence American.*

#### WHERE THE SARRRE FLASHED.

A lawyer gave a dinner party, after which the gentlemen retired to smoke and chat. All at once he got up, took down a sword which formed part of a trophy and, brandishing it in the air, exclaimed:

"Ah! gentlemen, I shall never forget the day when I drew this blade for the first time."

"Pray, where did you draw it?" asked an inquiring guest.

"At a raffie," was the lawyer's simple rejoinder.

#### HIS WIFE DIDN'T TAKE THE HINT.

Wife—"What is this mending and repairing company that is advertised in the papers, John?"

Husband—"It is a company that has been formed to meet a long-felt want. Garments in need of repair and buttons and things are taken in and fixed for a small sum."

W.—"A good thing for bachelors, I should say."

H. (grimly)—"And for married men too, my dear, for married men too."

Then, after attaching his pantaloons to his suspenders with a safety pin, he went out on the stoop to see what kind of a night it was.—*Boston Courier.*

#### BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE.

Horse Thief—"Mr. Chairman! After this little ceremony is concluded will you oblige me by collecting this insurance policy and handing the cash to my widow?"

Chairman of Lincench Party—"Certainly! What concern are you insured with?"

Horse Thief—"The Arizona Mutual."

Chairman (hurriedly)—"Gentlemen! We had better not act hastily in this matter. Taking a man's life is a serious thing, and as I am the President and Treasurer of the Arizona Mutual Life, I don't care to take any risks of this kind. I move that this business be indefinitely postponed."—*Lovely Citizen.*

#### IT WAS WORTH IT.

The owner of a wharf below Twelfth street, had seven or eight men engaged in making repairs the other day, when a stranger sauntered in and requested the loan of half a dollar.

"No, sir! No, sir! No money for vagrants!" was the prompt reply.

"Let me argu' this case with you?"

"But I haven't time; and no argument would move me."

"Very well: Just say to the corner that you were the last one to talk with me, and that I said my name was David Lynch, of Buffalo."

"Here! What do you mean?" demanded the wharf-owner, as the tramp began to peel off.

"I'm going down to the bottom of the river! There will be a crowd, items in the papers, dragging for the body, coroner's inquest and all that, and you

"Hold on, sir! You wanted fifty cents. Here is a dollar. Take it and go down and strike the next dock!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

#### HOW HE PUT HIS FOOT IN IT.

Mr. Chugwater (growlingly)—"Samantha, that young Snodgrass comes to this house altogether too often to suit me!"

Mrs. Chugwater—"He's a decent, civil sort of a young man. I have no objection to his coming."

Mr. Chugwater (raising his voice)—"Well, I have! He may be a good average young man, but I tell you I don't want him about this house!"

Mrs. Chugwater (placidity)—"I don't see what business it is of yours, Mr. Chug."

Mr. Chugwater (rising to his feet and bringing his fist down on the table)—"You don't see what business it is of mine? Why, good heavens, madam! Ain't I the head of this family?"

Mrs. Chugwater (mildly)—"I suppose you consider yourself such."

Mr. Chugwater (in a towering rage)—"I certainly do, madam! And if I say that giggling simpleton of a Snodgrass isn't the kind of man I want for son-in-law it goes, Mrs. Chugwater! It goes in this family!"

Mrs. Chugwater (sweetly)—"It won't go this time, Josiah."

Mr. Chugwater (frantically and at the top of his voice)—"You'll see, madam! Tell me which one of the girls he comes to see! Deceive me if you dare, Mrs. Chugwater! Which is the one?"

Mrs. Chugwater (pleasantly)—"He comes to see the hired girl, Josiah."

(Mr. Chugwater takes a large chew of plug tobacco and goes downtown with his hat pulled over his eyes.—*Chicago Tribune.*)

#### HE MET A MAN WITH A LOAD OF CORN.

I started out from the hotel at Paterston to drive across the country to a small town, in company with a parlor organ agent. He had been drinking pretty freely, and as soon as clear of the town observed:

"You never saw me fight, of course, but I will soon give you an exhibition of what I can do. I feel in the mood this morning, and I'm going to lick the first man I can pick a fuss with."

"I wouldn't get into any trouble," I suggested.

"Oh, there won't be any trouble about it. I'll bring it around so as to have the other man begin it, and then I'll polish him off and drive on."

About two miles out we met a young farmer