General Miles disapproves of the plan to consolidate State militia with the regular army.

Adobe residences are becoming popular in Southern California, from the fact that they are cooler in summer and warmer in winter than ordinary residences.

Contrary to time immemorial custom the German Emperor has resolved that his eldest son, while a minor, is not to accept the patronage or presidency of any social or philanthropic association whatever.

When American farmers do business with Europe, brags the Philadelphia Record, they do it on a large scale. It will take \$100,000,000 to pay for the wheat which France will this year be compelled to secure from this country.

Now Russia, following the example of England, Germany, France, Austria, Belgium and Switzerland, has adopted a magazine gun for the armies. "The United States has yet to fall in line," comments the New York Mail and Express.

The Treasury officers at San Francisco have rejected papers presented at that port by Chinamen seeking admission to the country, as certificates of identifieation issued by the Chinese Government, in compliance with Section six of the Restriction Act adopted nine years ago. This section provided that all Chinese, other than laborers, to be permitted to enter the country, should show a Government certificate properly identifying them. Chinamen have not attempted to avail themselves of this provision until within the last few months. The port officers suspected that the papers offered were forgeries, and have since ascertained that such documents, forged and bearing an imitation of the imperial seal of China, have been sold to Chinamen coming to this country for from \$250 to \$300.

The rapid, the startling growth of the debt of Canada, states the New England Magazine, which has increased from \$78,209,742 in 1870, to \$238,000,000 in 1890, with a population almost at a standstill and a stagnant trade, has struck calm, impartial observers with the idea that there has been something wrong in the government of a peaceful young State of enormous extent and great natural resources. Of course, a large portion of this debt was incurred for the construction of railways, improvement of canals, and similar political and commercial works; but the results or returns do over about 40,000 miles of water, and not compensate for the vastness of the has spent \$4000. He has learned that new debt, with its oppressive load of in. there are other lands and other peoples terest. They freely comment upon the than his own worthy his admiration an fact that while the United States have reduced their debt from \$59 to \$16.50 per head in twenty years Canada has run up her's from \$21 to \$47. A young student at the Nichols Latin School at Lewiston, Me., who goes under the name of Lewis P. Clinton, is really Somayou, King of the Bassa tribe in the southwestern part of Africa. The tribe occupies a territory running back over the Kong Mountains, 500 miles in length and 200 miles in breadth, with an outlet to the sea. In his boyhood Somayou had a strong desire to learn the English language, so that he might trade for his people. With this determination he ran away from his tribe and finally found his way to this country under the care of a missionary. He is not only a good English scholar, but has shown average ability in mastering Latin, Greek, mathamatics, and other studies. He contemplates a course in Bates College, after which his plan is to go back to his people, not as a ruler, but for the purpose of establishing a civilized colony and devoting his life and energy to the interests of his people, educationally and religiously. Somayou defrays his expenses at school by lecturing. The French carned long ago an honorable distinction by their success in the treatment of the blind, and the figures read at the recent annual meeting of La Societe d'Assistance pour les Aveugles in this respect. The two principal institutions of the city are the Clinique Opthalmologique des Quinze Vingts and L'Ecole Braille, the former devoted to the preservation or the restoration of sight, and the latter to the instruction of the hopelessly blind. Since its creation in 1880 the Clinique has had under treatment 108,798 patients, and the proportion of cures has reached the spleadid figures of ninety-five per cent., while the expenses incurred in each case has not exceeded seventy francs, or less than blind boys and girls are educated to be breadwinners, not only for themselves, but in many cases for their parents and relatives. While at the school they not only earn enough to pay for their main- inches thick. It is to be polished at a tenance, but are able to contribute to a savings bank fund which is used to start tham in business.

The highest selling price for mess pork in Chicago during the last thirty years was \$43, in July and October. 1864. The lowest selling price for thirty years was \$6.021 in December, 1878.

Milking cows by steam is now a subject of experiment in Scotland. On one farm hand milking and steam milking are being carried on together with a view to noting the comparative result s.

Nothing, muses the Washington Star. has occurred recently to illustrate the decline of sentiment among the American people more forcibly than the sale of Andrew Jackson's old coat for \$3.50 at a public auction in Baltimore.

Ex-Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, congratulates the country upon the fact that "from 1860 to 1890 the accumulated permanent wealth of the country increased more than \$260,000 an hour for every day, Sundays and work-days included."

A monument is about to be raised to the women of the Southern States of America commemorating the heroism and devotion they displayed during the Civil War. General Buller, in addressing a meeting of Confederate survivors, said lately: "The women of the South have spent days and months and years in building monuments to the men of the South, and it is now time that the South should build a monument to them."

A gentleman desiring to test the endurance of a horse drove one 1000 miles to a dog cart, the cart, passenger and baggage weighing over 800 pounds. The journey was done in nineteen consecutive days, an average of over fifty-two miles a day. The longest distance, sixtyeight miles, was covered on the last day. The road was selected at random, and led from London to York, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Carlisle, Nottingham and London again. The horse was fifteen hands high, what is called "well-bred," and returned home, according to the report of the veterinary, no worse for the jour-

Lieutenant Ridgely Hunt, in his article on "The Steamship Lines of the World" (the last of the interesting series on Ocean Steamships) in Scribner's, gives the following information about a trip around the world entirely by water: "The traveler from New York has been gone from start to finish, by the ocean highways to Europe, India, China, San Francisco, South America, and back to New York, nearly 200 days; has steamed study. Let him take a year and \$5000 for this rounding the world, and he will be better satisfied and better informed. and appreciate more fully that 'going to sea clears a man's head of much nonsense of his wigwam.""

# THE COUNTRY'S CROPS.

**Review of Their Condition by** the Agricultural Department.

Corn and Wheat Figures Are High, but Cotton Unsatisfactory.

The Statistician of the Department of Agriculture reports from Washington the September general averages of cereal crops as follows: Corn, 91.1; wheat, 96.8; rye, 95.1; oats, 90.7; barley, 94.3; buckwheat, 96.6. A small advance is noticed in all, buckwheat alone excepted. The average for potatoes is

94.8; for tobacco, 87.4. The condition of corn is twenty-one points higher than in September of last year, and has been exceeded only three times in the last ten years. State averages are generally high; the lowest are those of Michigan and Wisconsin. In the Eastern and Middle States the crone is well arrown is generally States the crop is well grown, is generally earing well, but a little late, and recent coo nights prevent rapid advancement; frost has as yet done no damage. The crop is in fine condition in the Southern States. It is not so much injured by heavy rains as cotton. In some bottom lands water has caused In some bottom lands water has caused material injury, while on uplands the crop is remarkably good. It was somewhat late, but is now generally beyond the reach of frost. A fine yield has been made west of the Mississippi, though in Western Texas a little reduced by drouth. It is above medium throughout the South as a whole. In the Ohio Valley corn is heavy in stalk, some-what late in gering from cool nights in some what late in earing from cool nights, in some places has been blown down by heavy winds, yet is generally promising. In Indiana and Illinois there was injury from drouth in July and early in August which has been partially repaired by recent rains. In Michigan there has been consid-erable injury from frost. Wisconsin reports damage from frosts; there was also damage from frost in the Dakotas. In Iowa and Ne-braska the crop is late. In Missouri alter-nate heavy rains and drouth have been unfavorable. In Western Kansas crops suf-fored from drouth casters counting here. lered from drouth; eastern counties have

heavy crop. The condition of wheat is very high, considering both winter and spring varieties, in soils, latitudes and elevations so widely differing. The general average has been ex-ceeded only slightly twice since 1879, in 1882 fering. and 1884. State averages are quite uniform, only at falling below 95, and three below 90, the lowest being 83 for South Carolina, and 84 for North Carolina. In the Middle States wheat was generally well filled, harvested in good condition, yielding well in the spring. In a few counties in Pennsyl-vania, and in parts of Maryland and Vir-ginia, there has been some injury in the

There is a reduction in the condition of cotton during the last month of six points, from 88.9 to 82.7. The cause on the Atlantic Coast has been an excess of rainfall, causing overgrowth of the plant and diminishing the tendency to fruitage. From Alabama west-ward drouth was the main factor of loss, ward drouth was the main factor of less, assisted by the boll-worm and caterpiliar. Condition is lowest in Arkanss, Louisiana and Teunessee. In a few counties of Texas heavy rainfall in the morning, followed by hot sunshine in the afternoon, caused serious shedding of forms. The most serious complaints are of shedding fruit and leaves, rotting of boils, sprouting of seed in the boils, rush, staining of open cot-ton, except in a few regions, where cotton worms are unusually destructive. In the area affected by drouth, rust and shedding also occur. The State averages are as folleo occur. The State averages are as fol-ows: Virginia 73, a loss of 3 points; North arolina 79, a gain of 4 points; South Caro lina 81, a loss of 2 points; Georgia 82, a loss of 4 points; Florida 88, a loss of 6 points; Alabama 83, a loss of 6 points; Mississippi 83, a loss of 10 points; Louisiana 85, a loss of 5 points; Texas 82, a loss of 10 pionts; As-kansas 86, a loss of 9 points; Tennessee 84, a gain of 2 points.

THIRTEEN ROBBERS KILLED

## THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

#### Eastern and Middle States.

A NOTICE of intention to contest the \$30,-000,000 will of Mary F. S. Searles, of Methuen Mass., was filed at Salem. The notice re cites that the contest is on behalf of her adopted son, Timothy Hopkins. The ground for the contest is undue influence. THE 130th anniversary of the Battle of Groton Heights was celebrated at Groton,

THE President was out gunning in Cape Island Sound, near Cape May, N. J., and killed thirteen yellow-legged snipe. The President was accompanied by George W. Boyd, of the Pennsylvania Rallroad; Lieu-tenant J. W. Parker, Charles Coffin, of Bal-timore and Congressmen John E. Beyburg. timore, and Congressman John E. Reyburn. The party went out in Mr. Reyburn's steam-launch Neosho.

THE New York Republican State Conven-THE New York Republican State Conven-tion, at Rochester, nominated a full State ticket as follows: For Governor, J. Sloat Fassett, of Chemung; Lieutenant-Governor, John W. Vrooman, of Herkimer; Secretary of State, Eugene F. O'Connor, of Kings; Controller, A. C. Wade, of Chautanqua; State Treasurer, Ira M. Hedges, of Rock-land; Attorney-General, William E. Suther-land, of Monroe; State Engineer, Verplanck Colvin, of Albany.

WARRANTS were issued for the arrest of the five mercantile appraisars of Phila-delphia. They are Edward W. Patton, Albert Crawford, Samuel F. Houseman, Harry Hunter and James F. Bell, and are charged with making false lists of taxables, classification and exemptions and adding the names of dead and fictitious persons to the list.

THE Massachusetts Prohibition State Convention met at Worcester and nominated Charles H. Kimball for Governor, Agustus R. Lee, Jr., for Lieutenant-Governor, Alfred W. Richardson for Secretary of State, Mr. Armstrong for Auditor, and Walcott Hariin for Attorney General.

As attempt was made to wreck a train on the Lehigh Valley road, near Phillipsburg, Penn., by exploding dynamite. Lewis Remei was arrested charged with the deed. THE National Association of Railway Postal Clerks elected H. M. Robinson, of Atlanta, Ga., as President, and C. E. La-grave as Secretary and Treasurer, at Watertown, N. Y.

SADIE SHAW, four years old, and Johnny Souders, one year older, were playing in a newly excavated sewer trench at Bridgton, N. J., when the earth caved in, burying both. The girl was instantly killed and the boy received fatal injuries.

W. A. SMITH, a New York broker, was arrested for swindling a Poughkeepsie (N. Y.) merchant out of \$55,009.

#### South and West.

In the school election at Battle Creek, Mich., two women candidates were elected by the largest vote ever polled. Hundreds of women turned out and took part in the

THE interstate soldiers' reunion of Kansas Missouri, Nebraska and Southwestern Iowa was held at Chelsea Park, Kansas City, Kan.

Two thousand colored people are waiting at Guthrie, Oklahoma, the throwing open for settlement of the Sac and Fox lands. GUSTAVE BERGHER and his wife, of Tope-

ka, Kan., quarreled over rent money and Bergher shot his wife and killed her and then blew out his brains. The couple had been divorced, but had remarried. Bergher was a German Count.

MARY MUSCHETTE, aged twenty, of Minneapolis, Minn., committed suicide at Wash-ington. She had just passed a civil service examination, and it is thought to have driven her mad.

DEFUTY SHERIFF CHUELEY was killed by Policeman Rufus Highnote, whose cousin. Calvin White, was shot three times, in a three-cornered attempt to settle a fend, at Corsicana, Texas.

THE United States steamship Pensacols sailed from San Francisco, Cal., for Hono-

CAPTAIN FREDERICK S. DODGE, a retired. army officer, who has been deranged for some years, committed suicide at Detroit, Mich. He was fifty-one years old. EX-MAYOR JOHN H. B. LATROBE, the oldest lawyer in Maryland, and widely known as a jurist, author and philanthropist, died in Baltimore, aged eighty-nine.

recent day. The father and mother showed the way by hanging themselves, and the others, who were adult children, imitated heir parents.

ADVICES have been received of the wreck. ing of a Grimsby smack in Iceland, and the drowning of twelve of her crew.

THE transatiantic steamer City of New York arrived at Queenstown, Ireland, from New York, having crossed the Atlantic in five days, twenty-two hours and fifty min-utes. This run beats any previous record from that port to Queenstown by seven min-

THE Emperor of Germany, upon his ar-rival at Munich, Bavaria, from the scene of the Austrian army manosuvres, was received with the utmost enthusiasm and respect. As the imperial train approached the city tens of thousands of voices greeted it with cheers.

DURING a performance of "Lakme" at the Opera Comique in Paris, France, the electric lights suddenly went out and a panic en-sued. Upon examination it was found that the stage carpenter had become entangled with the dynamo belts and had been torn in shreds. This is how the lights went

CLARK F. CARR, United States Minister to Denmark, has received notice of the re-moval of the prohibition placed upon the im-portation of American pork into Denmark, which probibition has been enforced since March, 1888.

THE Presidential election in Honduras was quietly conducted. Ponciano Leiba, the nominee of the progressive party, was elected.

GREAT gales swept over the Nova Scotia coast, doing considerable damage.

THE Chilian Government agreed to reimburse the United States for the expense in curred in chasing the ship Itata.

RICH gold bearing quartz has been discov-ered on the Atikokan iron range at Port Arthur, Canada.

The wall of a foundry in Leeds, England, collapsed. Two children were instantly killed and two others were removed from the ruins fatally injured.

EMPEROR WILLIAM and Prince-Regent Luitpold reviewed the two Bavarian army corps in Munich. The weather was splendid, and the review presented a brilliant spec-tacle. The Emperor was at the head of the regiment of which he is Honorary Colonel.

An express train killed five of a gang of railroad workmen near Glasgow, Scotland. EMPEROR WILLIAM and Prince-Regent Luitpold witnessed a sham fight at Munich, Bavaria. The western army, under Prince Luitpold's son Arnolph, was victorious. The Empsror congratulated the victors.

THE proposed reproduction of Wagner's "Lobengrin" in Paris, France, caused so much excitement and indignation that it had to be postponed.

The fishing schooner Georgians, of Yar-mouth, was upset in making Halifax (Nova Scotia) Harbor, and her captain and crew of en mea were drowned.

AT least forty lives were lost in the earthquake shock at San Salvador.

MR. LACOSTE, Speaker of the Senate, has been appointed Chief Justice of Quebec, Canada.

A STEAM launch carrying laborers from Dublin to Londonderry sank in Lough Foyle, Ireland, colliding with the steamer Alba-tross. Fifteen persons were drowned.

It is announced that 874 estates belonging to the Russian nobility will be sold by ano-tion in October under foreclosure by the State Bank. The estates are located all over European Russia, and the sale indicates the desperate straits to which the landed nobility

SCHIFFERSTADT, in Rhenish Bavaria, has been destroyed by fire. The disaster origi-nated in the sawmills, and, notwithstanding all efforts, the flames spread rapidly, con-verting a flourishing town to ashes.

## THE LABOR WORLD.

BOHEMIA miners average \$132 a year. Sr. Louis has a working girls' library. EDGEWORTH (Fenn.) has a girl carpenter. NEW YORK union plasterers' laborers get \$2.75 a day. CHICAGO furniture workers struck for eight hours

# A LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODES.

Fatal Railroad Accident at Oyster Bay, Long Island,

Three Men Hurled Hundreds of Feet and Instantly Killed.

The boiler of a locomotive under full steam exploded in front of the Glen Cove (Long Island) depot, instantly killing three men, dangerously injuring another, breaking the engine into many fragments, and demolishing part of the station roof.

The locomotive was only two years old and had been used on fast trains. The train behind it consisted of a baggage car, smoker and two coaches pretty well filled with pas-sengers. It was 1:03 o'clock, and Engineer James Donaldson and Fireman Townsend Dickinson were in the cab. Brakeman Michael Mahoney came forward to get the time, while Conductor Alfred Jones stood some little distance behind him at the moment of the explosion. The latter's head was cut open by a piece of iron and he was frightfully scalded. Dick-inson, Donaldson and Mahoney were hurled in opposite directions, the latter's body falling on the roof of the third car, while the others fell in a neighboring meadow. The engine, down to the wheels, was a total wreck. A large portion of the platform was torn up and many of the train's windows broken. Fortunately, none of the paymenter. The explosion brought people sushing from all parts of Oyster Bay. Conductor Jones was carried on a stretcher to the house of the nearest physician. His condition was The locomotive was only two years old

all parts of Oyster Bay. Conductor Jones was carried on a stretcher to the house of the nearest physician. His condition was critical. Donaldson had thirteen years' ex-perience in railroading and had a good reputation. He leaves a widow and two children. Dickinson was thirty and leaves several children and a crippled mother. Mahoney

was twenty. The only theory of the cause of the explo-sion so far is that the water might have been allowed to run too low in the boller. Master Mechanic Thompson of the Long Island road thinks it could not have occurred from over-

#### WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

MICHIGAN will construct its building whole of Michigan material, and will send it to Chicago in sections.

Among the exhibits from Southern California will be a model constructed to illus-trate irrigation. A committee has already been chosen to prepare it.

SIAM has decided to make an exhibit at Chicago, which shall eclips the one it made at the Paris exposition, where it carried off the honors in the oriental section.

THE first cotton gin, made by Eli Whitney, will be exhibited at the Exposition by the New Orleans Machinery Company, which will also make an extensive exhibit of cotton gins, sugar mills and other machinery.

WELSHMEN will hold an eisteddiod in Chivalues will hold an esteddiod in Chi-cago at some time during the Exposition, a dispensation permitting them to do so hav-ing been granted by the National Associa-tion, which met recently at Swansea, Wales.

THE owner of a brownstone quarry in Wisconsin has offered to the State Commis-sion for exhibition at the Fair, a solid monolith, larger than Cleopatra's needle in New York City. The obelisk, when completed, will weigh 400 tons and be the largest mass of brownstone ever quarried.

THE TEXAS World's Fair Exhibit Association is pushing, with great energy, the work of collecting funds for the State's represen-tation at Chicago. The sum desired is \$300,-000, and this has been assessed among the 245 counties as nearly as possible, according to population, on a basis of fifteen cents per

A MAGNIFICENT microscope has just been completed by the Munich Poeller Physical and Optical Institute for the great Chicago Exposition, at a cost of \$8750. It possesses a magnifying power of 11,000 diameters. As might be expected, electricity plays an im-portant part in the working of this gigantic instrument. The preparation of Colorado's exhibit is progressing energetically. Besides the min-eral, agricultural and educational exhibits, the flora and fauna of the State will be shown in great completeness. Already more than 1000 specimens of plants have been pressed; nearly 200 varieties of fruit have been duplicated perfectly in wax, and more than 2000 species of insects IT has been decided to have the Machinery Annex an annex in fact instead of being an isolated structure as at first planned. The annex will adjoin Machinery Hall on the west. The entire structure will thus measure 500 by 1400 feet, and be second in size only to the Manufacturers' Building, the di-mensions of which are 788 by 1698 feet. With its galleries, the latter building will have forty acres of floor space.

The London Lancet, referring to the firing of the great guns aboard ship by the officers in the conning tower, raises the question whether the strain on trained gunners after an hour or so of gun practice carried on in covered casemates would not render the gunners incapable or decidedly reluctant to man their guns. The effect, it is contended, produced on the nervous system by the uncertainty as to when the guns fired by electricity from a distance would go off would be very considerable, and prove exhausting to the gunners. It is held that if a man has to do anything which calls forth unwonted effort of any kind, he either voluntarily prepares himself for it or the system involuntarily adjusts itself accordingly. A sudden and unexpected noise causes a shock to the nervous system, which, if frequently repeated, is apt to induce nerve tension, followed by nervous exhaustion.

At the New Orleans Exposition in 1885 the only exhibit Pennsylvania had of any note was an enormous black bear, stuffed, which was killed in the Pike County Mountains. The bear stood over four feet high and was eight feet long. Paris fully sustains their reputation in Its paws measured fourteen inches in length and seven inches in width. It weighed more than 500 pounds and was the biggest bear ever killed in Pennslyvania. The county now intends to shed more honor on the Keystone State by placing on exhibition at the World's Fair in Chicago one of the greatest specimens of bluestone ever quarried. The stone Pike County intends to show to the world in Chicago was quarried eight years ago in the Pond Eddy region. In unloading it at Stairway it slipped from the rigging and smashed a man and two \$15. The Ecole Braille has an equally horses to death. It has lain where it creditable account to give of itself. The fell ever since, but was purchased a few days ago by William Sanford, who paid \$500 for the slab. It measures twentysix feet in length and eighteen feet wide, and weighs twenty-three tons. It is ten cost of \$1000. It is said by experts to be the most perfect piece of flagging quarried.

The Men Who Robbed the Express

Car in Texas Shot Down. The train robbers who were thought to have escaped across the Rio Grande River

with a sum said to be \$20,000 that they secured from an express car on the Southern Pacific Railroad, were met near Uvalde, Texas, by a body of rangers who had been in pursuit of them and a battle took place. From reports received, thirteen of the From reports received, thirteen of the obbers and two rangers were killed and several on both sides were wounded. The rangers followed what was thought to be the rangers followed what was thought to be the course pursued by the robbers through the mountain passes, and although they had at several times lost the trail, they gained on the robbers. Next day they discovered unmis-takable evidence that the men they were looking for were only a few miles ahead of them and were headed towards Las Vegas, New Mexico. The pursuers after pushing on a portion of the night were rewarded next day by failing in with the outlaws.

day by falling in with the outlaws. The engagement between the two parties was short, as the bandits were outnumbered.

They held the best position, however, and stood their ground until the number of their dead and wounded was so great that further resistance was impossible, and then the re-mainder fied. It is said that only two men escaped.

### KANSAS INDEBTEDNESS.

The Census Office Issues a Bulletin on Mortgages.

The Census Office has issued from Washington a bulletin which gives the mortgage indebtedness of Kansas. The total assessed valuation of real and personal property in valuation of real and personal property in 1890, not including the value of railroad property, which is placed at \$57,866,283, was \$290,593,711. The estimated true value is between \$500,000,000 and \$900,000,000. It is found that Kansas has a mort-gage debt of \$235,485,108, which does not include a State and railroad land-con-tract debt of \$7,961,718. This debt is twentyseven per cent. of the estimated true value of all taxed real estate. The average amount of debt on a mortgaged acre is placed at \$6.65. Superintendent Porter says the largest debt exists in the parts where there is the greatest prosperity, and where there has been an advancement in improve-

## HAWAII'S OUEEN A WIDOW.

The Hon, John Dominic, the Prince Consort, is Dead.

The steamship Mariposa arrived at San Francisco, Cal., from Australia via Honolulu, bringing Honolulu advices to August

The Hon, John Dominic, Prince Consort of Hawaii, died on August 2 from a sudden attack of pneumonia. He had been ill some time with gout, which turned to inflamma tory rheumatism. Pneumonia subsequently set in.

Queen Liliokalania was much affected by the death of her husband. The body was lying in state at the palace when the steamer left, guarded by Captain Howiein and forty men from the Royal Barracks

IRISH harvest hands are swarming into ingland at this season, no fewer than 4000 being shipped from Dublin on one day re-cently. The men are said to be mostly stal-wart young fellows, contrasting remark-ably with those going over for the past few years, who were principally old men.

M. B. CURTIS, the well known actor who impersonated Sam'l of Posen and Schatchen, is in jail in San Francisco, Cal., charged with murdering Policeman Grant while the

latter was trying to arrest him. THE Chickasaw Legislature convened at Ardmore, Indian Territory, and received

Governor Byrd's message. WILLIAM E. BAILEY, a young millionaire bank President of Seattle, Washington, and R. B. Albertson, his attorney, were kidnapped in that city.

PRESIDENT COLEMAN, of the Catholic Knights of America, is at Chattanoga, Tenn., investigating the accounts of M. J. O'Brien, Treasurer of the Order. Mr. O'Brien is out of the city. There is an apparent de-ficit of about \$30,000.

JACOB H. SHAFFER and his daughter Ida ere killed by a railroad train at Warren, Ohio.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR MIKLEJOHN, Nebraaka, was badly used up in a fist fight with Dr. Keenan, at Madison, Wis.

#### Washington.

THE post of Consul to San Domingo, to succeed John S. Durham, the new Minister to Hayti, has been tendered by President Harrison to William F. Powell, Principal of the Sixth School District of Camden, N. J. Mr. Powell is an intelligent, cultured man, about forth years old about forty years old. THE Navy Department has authorized the

first payment, amounting to \$96,427, on the battleship Oregon, just begun at the Union Iron Works, California.

It has been decided by the United States overnment to abandon the case against the baamer Itata, which carried arms to Chili Governn during the recent troubles.

SECRETARY TRACY issued an order for the Chiefs of Bureaus immediately to prepare the Yorktown for service on the Pacific sta-tion, and the gunboat Petrel for service on the Asiatic station.

TESTS made at the Naval Ordnance Prov. ing Grounds, near Washington, of the new smokeless powder were highly satisfactory.

JUDGE THOMAS M. COOLEY, Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, pre-sented his resignation on account of ill health. Judge Cooley was appointed by President Cleveland at the organization of the Commission, for a term of six years. At the first meeting of the Commission he was unanimously chosen Chairman by his associates

THE Secretary of the Treasury decided to make a further withdrawal of \$2,000,000 from the depository banks.

SECRETARY TRACY has issued an order transferring the Boston and Atlanta from Rear Anniral Walker's squadron to Rear Admiral Goerardi's command—the North Atlantic Squadron. This leaves the two

quadrons balanced in the number of vessels. Equations balanced in the number of vessels, Rear Admiral Benham, lately commandant at the Mare Island Navy Yard, has been as-signed to the command of the South Atian-tic Station, to succeed Admiral McCann, who is Fresident of the Retiring Board and Board of Promotion.

ADMIRAL BROWN, Commander of the Pa-cific Station, has been ordered by the Navy Department to proceed from Chili to San Francisco. He will sail on the San Francis-co, and when he reaches the Mare Island Navy Yard the vessel will be docked and re-paired.

#### Foreign.

A WHOLE family of Paris, Franc 4 the

THE Hebrew-American Typographical Union has adopted a union label.

AT Fall River, Mass., 20,000 textile work-ers are offered a reduction of wages. A NEW YORK CENTRAL stockholder wants

the road to allow its hands to organize THE confectioners of San Francisco are moving to have a six-day working week.

GRAND MASTER POWDERLY, of the K. of L., wants work prohibited on election day. At a conference of labor delegates recent-

ly held in Edinburgh 84,000 men were repre-THE United Brotherhood of Carpenters

and Joiners will send lecturers all over the country.

Over 1500 women have joined the New York Cloakmakers' Union during the last six months.

THE Danvers (Mass.) electric road has been turned over to the employes, who are run-ning it on the co-operative plan.

The employes in the Eigin (Ill.) Watch Factory are being organized. There are 3000 employes, two-thirds of them women. It is stated that there are 72,000 pianos made annually in America, and that three pounds of steel wire are used for each instru-

ent An electric drill in an Idaho mine recently

performed the feat of boring a two-inch hole through twenty feet of soli1 granite in four hours

A MOVEMENT is on foot at Fairport, N. Y., looking to the establishment of a new shoe factory, the stock of which is to be owned almost exclusively by the workers.

OUT of 1145 strikes in England last year, in which 344,840 people took part, 476 were successful, 207 were failures and ninety-four were undecided. The average duration of strikes was eighteen days.

THE railroads of the country employ 760,-000 men. Each year they lose 2000 of their number in killed, and 20,000 of them are im-jured annually. It is estimated that 3,000,-000 people depend on these employes for a living

Hving. The Trades' Union Congress was held at Newcastle with 500 delegates representing 1,500,000 skilled and unskilled British work-men. The Congress adopted a resolution in favor of making the proposed international Eight-hour law permissive in cortain cases. THE Workingwomen's Union, of Halle, Germany, has been dissolved by the police and its funds were confiscated, because at several meetings the suffrage question and women's political rights were discussed. In Germany it is against the law for women to discuss molitics

FLAX STATISTICS. The Amount of Acreage in the Western States

The Census Office has made public the following preliminary statistics of the acreage in flax and amount of flaxseed produced in ten Western States in the year ending June ten Western States in the year ending June 1, 1880, the figures being prepared under the direction of Special Agent Hyde, in charge of the Division of Agricul-ture: Idaho, 8002 acres, 83,409 bushels; Iowa, 217,745 acres, 2,118,032 bushels; Kan-ans, 114,069 acres, 994,127 bushels; Missouri, 50,420 acres, 450,766 hushels; North Dakota, 33,724 acres, 164,445 bushels; North Dakota, 355,354 acres, 164,445 bushels; South Dakota, 4270 acres, 42,204 bushels; Wisconsin, 0073

#### A HUNDRED LOST

Sinking of the Steamer Taormina Off the Greek Coast.

A collision has taken place off Cape Colonna, the most southern point of Attica. Greece, between the steamship Taormina, of the Italian Messageries Company, and a Greek steamship, the Thessalia. The Taor-mina sank soon after the accident, and her captain, several of her crew and forty of her cabin passengers were drowned. The total number of lives lost was said to be 100. The second officer of the Taormina and a number of passengers who were standing on the bridge at the time the collision occurred were saved by the boats

Most of the Taormina's passengers were in their berths at the time of the collision. The Thessalia was badly damaged forward, but by keeping the pumps going the steamer just succeeded in reaching Pharleon.

# CHANGED HER MIND.

That Was Why Dr. Ballard Killed His Sweetheart and Himself.

Dr. C. E. Ballard, member of a promine family at Saybrook, Ill., shot and killed Miss Bertha Ison and then killed himself. He had been engaged to the young woman and on a

recent day took out a license to marry her. She changed her mind next day and refused to marry him. Next morning he made a final appeal, and being refused shot her through the heart. He then shot himself three times in the breast and once in the head. He died in a lew moments. He was thirty years old. Miss Ison's widowed mother is nearly dead with grief.

# DYNAMITE IN WHEAT.

One Man Killed and Four Injured. in a Singular Accident.

William Mull was killed and four others fatally injured at the farm of Daniel Drowneller, near Findlay, Ohio, by an explosion in a wheat thrasher.

The machine exploded with terrifie The machine exploded with terrine effect, wrecking the place and blowing pleces of iron through the roof. It was thought that the bolier had given way, but it was found to be intact. Further investigation showed that some one had placed a dynamite cartridge in a sheaf of wheat, and when it was fed through the machine the explosion followed.