

The grip is pronounced by a Vienna physician of high standing to be miasmatic in character.

In the last five years the number of Methodist churches in Chicago, Ill., has been doubled. The membership has also doubled and one million dollars added to the church property.

The New York Commercial Bulletin says perhaps there is no greater test, and no better evidence of the general activity of business throughout the country, than the earnings of the principal railroads.

A county in New York State is considering becoming its own insurer against fire. One argument used is that the county having \$100,000,000 of property is more responsible than most of the insurance companies.

The San Francisco Chronicle opines that the cultivation of a peaceful disposition is not calculated to inspire respect in such countries as Chile. "Had we been as truculent in our dealings with fifth-rate countries as England," it believes, "the Chileans would not be speaking of the Yankees and their navy with contempt."

The new monitor Miantonomah, with four ten-inch guns and a fine lot of rapid fire weapons, will prove a formidable antagonist to any but the very heaviest foreign ironclads, observes the San Francisco Chronicle. Stationed at the right place she could keep a whole fleet of cruisers from entering and approaching close to New York harbor.

The proposition to have the old ship President, which was captured from the United States by the British in the War of 1812, transferred to Chicago for the Columbian Exhibition, is very generally approved by the officers of the navy so far as its sentiment goes, but the idea is hardly practical, suggests the Boston Transcript. The old ship now lies in the West India Dock near London, and, although she makes an excellent ship for the nominal headquarters of British navy officers who are assigned to duty in London, and an excellent drill ship as well, she is totally unable, because of her advanced age, to cross the Atlantic.

The chief figures of the chief medical officer of the Prefecture of Police show that lunacy has increased in Paris, France, in the last sixteen years some thirty per cent. The increase is due to the prevalence of two morbid types, general paralysis and alcoholic insanity. Alcoholic insanity is twice as prevalent now as it was fifteen years ago. Almost a third of the lunacy cases are due to this disease, and the tendency of it is to become more violent and to show a more marked homicidal character. A dreadful peculiarity of it is that it descends to the children of its victims. The extreme usefulness of many of the candidates for the guillotine must have been observed of late years, and the explanation is probably to be found in alcoholic insanity.

If the Prince of Wales persists in his reported intention of marrying his children into English families, observes the San Francisco Examiner, he will give his house a new lease of popularity that it needs. Albert Victor, the heir presumptive, is to marry Princess Mary of Teck, who is practically an English girl. His brother, Prince George, is said to be engaged to the daughter of an English Duke. The eldest daughter is the wife of the Duke of Fife, and it is reported that the second daughter is to marry an English nobleman. The British nation has shown a good deal of irritation at the marriage of Queen Victoria's children to the little royalty of Germany. In the brave old days when England was made, Englishmen and Englishwomen were good enough for royal blood to mate with, and the English people appear to believe that the policy is a good one today.

At last it has dawned upon the people of Northwestern Ohio, announces the Pittsburg Dispatch, that their supply of natural gas is almost exhausted. So confident have they been in its performance that the nature of the discovery is almost startling. To-day not more than one-tenth of the manufacturers in Northwestern Ohio are supplied with natural gas. At the same time the supply for private consumption has been so decreased that many a family has tossed the gasburner into the back yard and returned to hickory and coal. Many others kept constant supplies of coal on hand ready for emergency at any time. Coal is also burned with the gas when it is low by a majority of the consumers. Since gas was first used for fuel here the pressure has decreased over 350 pounds. The volume, however, is sufficient for all the drains upon it. The trouble is that the pressure is too weak to force the gas to the burners. It lies sluggish and dormant in the mains, or in a state of inertia in the rock and wells.

A ROYAL FUNERAL.

Obsèques of the Late Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

Impressive Ceremonies at Sandringham and Windsor.

The funeral of Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, who died at Sandringham Hall, took place in London and Windsor, England. The funeral ceremonies commenced at Sandringham (London) Parish Church, where the body had been lying since the day after the Prince's death. The religious services were confined to the members of the Royal Family and to the household of the Prince of Wales. The Prince and Princess of Wales and her daughters, the Princess Louise, the Duchess of Fife, the Princess Victoria and the Princess Maud, were present. The death of his brother - looking quite delicate, as did also the Princess Victoria May of Teck, were also there.



PRINCE GEORGE—HEIR PRESUMPTIVE.

After the prayers had been read by the Rev. A. J. Hery, the services were concluded with the singing of the hymn "Thy Will be Done." The state staffs of both the Queen and the Prince of Wales were present.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies at Sandringham, the coffin was conveyed to Windsor Station, where a special train was waiting to convey the body to Windsor.

The route from Sandringham Church to the station was lined with crowds. The male portion of this concourse respectfully raised their hats as the body passed. It would be difficult to imagine a more simple funeral service in connection with royalty than that witnessed at Sandringham this morning. The route to the station was lined, not by the troops or police, but by the children of the neighborhood, who wore large black crape rosettes upon their left arms.

The body was taken to the station upon a gun carriage like that of any officer of the army, and the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Fife, walked the whole distance, two miles, between the church and the railroad depot directly behind the coffin. The other mourners followed the funeral cortege in carriages.

The funeral cars passed the outskirts of London at 2 o'clock, the request for privacy made by the Royal Family being everywhere respected.

While the train was conveying the body of the Duke to Windsor minute guns were fired from the warships and forts throughout Great Britain and Ireland with dull, constant booming. In addition to the firing of guns, the bells from nearly every church steeple in England were tolled during the whole time the body was on its way to Windsor.

In London the stores were all partly closed. All the cabmen and bus drivers have bows of black crape upon their whips, and the majority of the male portion of the population seen on the streets wear crape bands, military fashion, on their left arms. Every flag is at half mast.

In the neighborhood of Windsor the scene presented was most gloomy one. The sky was overcast and threatening snow or rain.

All the houses in at or near Windsor were draped with crape or black cloth, and not a shop was opened throughout the day. Thousands upon thousands of persons went from London elsewhere to Windsor. The same day in all the European capitals. In Berlin the Empress Augusta and Empress Frederick, the later of whom is the aunt of the Duke, many other members of the German Imperial Family and a number of royal personages attended the services held in that city.

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ANTHRACITE COAL.

The Year Just Closed the Largest in the History of the Trade.

The official statistics of the anthracite coal production for 1901, just made public at Philadelphia, Penn., show the shipments from the mines for the year to have been 44,446,336 tons.

The year was the greatest in the history of the trade since the production exceeded that of 1890 by 4,592,161 tons. The product in the different districts was: Schuylkill, 12,741,259 tons; Lehigh, 6,887,835 tons; Wyoming, 31,223,299 tons. These figures do not include coal consumed at or near the mines, which consumption probably amounts to 5,000,000 tons annually.

The total production of anthracite coal since the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company began to market it has been 733,614,484 tons.

MURDERED HIS BETROTHED.

Inexplicable Crime of a German Scientist—His Suicide Follows.

Dr. Brodmann, director of the chemical laboratory in the University of Berlin, Germany, killed his betrothed, Margarethe Meyer, and then committed suicide.

Dr. Brodmann was forty-two years old, while the girl to whom he was engaged to be married and who has now met her death at his hands, was only eighteen years of age. No motive can be conjectured which would have led to the commission of the double crime.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Eastern and Middle States.

Two children of Arthur Biebt, of Roxbury, Mass., died from the effects of drinking from a flask of whisky they found in a closet.

JUDGE EARL was appointed by Governor Flower, Chief Justice of the State, to succeed the late Chief Justice Huger of the Appellate, and Deputy Attorney-General Maynard was nominated to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Earl.

CHRISTOPHER PEARSE CRANCH, the well-known painter and poet, died at his home in Cambridge, Mass., aged eighty.

The Connecticut Legislature met at Hartford; the House adjourned for a week.

Fire in New York City destroyed the Springfield Building, Numbers 5, 7 and 9 on the west side of Union Square, burned out six firms and caused an estimated loss of \$750,000. The adjoining building, occupied by Tiffany & Co., jewelers, was badly damaged by water. Brentrano Brothers were damaged to the extent of \$100,000, mostly by water. Louis Rheims, millinery, lost \$250,000.

DAVID DORAMUS, aged ninety-two years, died at Clor, N. J., of grip, and arrangements were being made for his funeral. That morning his wife, also aged ninety-two, died of the same disease, and it was settled that she should be buried with her husband.

The jury in the suit of Senator Quay against the Pittsburg (Penn.) Post returned a verdict of guilty.

An unexpected explosion of an uncovered blast in New York killed two workmen, injured three others and damaged a number of houses, causing a great deal of excitement in the street. Somebody's carelessness caused the accident.

SUPERINTENDENT PIERCE, of the New York State Insurance Department, issued a report on the insurance companies of the State. The Insurance Company's officers for bad management, but declaring the concern perfectly solvent.

South and West.

A WABASH train ran into a sleighing party of twenty-one members of the Clover Leaf Fishing Club, near Forest Park, Mo. Eight were killed and the rest more or less injured.

SENATOR GORMAN was re-elected to the United States Senate by the Maryland Legislature. Senators George and Wait-hall were also returned by the Mississippi Legislature.

The Louisiana Republicans met in State convention at New Orleans and named a Rev. A. J. Hery, of the services were concluded with the singing of the hymn "Thy Will be Done." The state staffs of both the Queen and the Prince of Wales were present.

MRS. FREDERICK OLESON and her two twenty-year-old daughters were burned to death at Chicago, Ill., in the fire which destroyed their home.

The inauguration of Governor Horacio Boies took place at Des Moines, Iowa.

ROBIN W. CHRISTIAN was murdered with an axe by his insane son, aged twenty-two, in McDowell County, Virginia.

OVER 3000 miners from the disturbed territory in Tennessee have gone to Arkansas in search of work they could not get in Tennessee on account of the convict lease system.

A FREIGHT train dished into the rear of a mixed train near Guthrie, Oklahoma. Mrs. Jacob Smith, a passenger, and Engineer William Argo were instantly killed.

CHARLES H. GIBSON was elected United States Senator in joint convention of the General Assembly of Maryland, to fill the unexpired term of about five years in place of the late Senator E. K. Wilson.

AT Camden, Ala., Robert Carter was hanged for the murder of his wife. At Dallas, N. C., Caroline Ship was executed for infanticide.

A RAYMOND and Whitcombe special train going West, and a passenger train going East, collided at Blue Water, New Mexico. Four trainmen were killed.

Two Indians were recently killed near Rat Portage, Minn., by a moose which they had wounded. A party of hunters found both the men and animal dead. The moose was a gigantic fellow, standing fully ten feet high to the top of the antlers.

MISS DELLA NICHOLSON, of Franklin County, Va., hanged herself to the limb of a tree near her home. Her sweetheart, a young man named Pinkard, took poison soon after, and the young lady's parents objected to the marriage of their daughter and Pinkard.

Washington.

PRESIDENT and Mrs. HARRISON gave the first state dinner of the season. According to long-established etiquette, the dinner was in honor of the Cabinet. The Marine Band played and the White House was never more beautiful with floral decorations.

A BID delegation of Tammany braves visited Washington to ask the Democratic National Committee to select New York City as the place for holding the National Convention.

SECRETARY and Mrs. Blaine gave a dinner party at Washington in honor of President and Mrs. Harrison.

REPRESENTATIVE ROGER Q. MILLS, of Texas, has written a letter to Speaker Crisp resigning his position as Chairman of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

THE Senate Elections Committee decided the Florida contest of Davidson vs. Call by recommending that Senator Call be permitted to retain his seat.

THE portraits of ex-Speakers Galusha A. Grow and Samuel J. Handall, painted for the State of Pennsylvania, were presented to the House by Representative C. W. Stone and then hung. During a part of the proceedings ex-Speaker Grow occupied a seat with the Speaker pro tem.

SECRETARY OF STATE BLAINE has instructed Minister Lincoln to confer with the English Government on the question of an international conference on the silver question.

REV. DR. SCOTT, the President's father-in-law, celebrated his ninety-second birthday at the White House.

SECRETARY BLAINE instructed Minister Egan to urge the Chilean Government to hasten its reply to our demands in the Baltimore affair.

Foreign.

THERE has been fighting at Kallashah, Persia, arising from a revolt fomented by Persian priests on the tobacco question. The local troops were defeated by the insurgents, eighty soldiers and 300 rebels being killed and more than one hundred wounded.

In the French Chamber of Deputies at Paris Minister Constans struck a Deputy in the stomach, the result being that there were several personal encounters, and at least two duels were arranged.

The mail steamer John Elder was wrecked in the Straits of Magellan, among her passengers were several refugees, who escaped from Valparaiso through the assistance of the American Legation. They will be returned to Chile.

The Legislature of Mendoza, Brazil, has deposed the Governor of that province. The United States gunboat Yorktown, with the refugees on board, has sailed from Valparaiso for Callao. This is regarded as an indication that affairs were quiet in Chile.

The troubles in the Argentine Republic between the Governor of Mendoza and the Legislature have resulted in a serious outbreak. Many persons have been killed or wounded. The National Government sent a commission, with full powers to restore order.

The French government has accepted Bulgaria's note of apology for the expulsion of M. Chadourne.

AT Dieppedalle, in the Department of Seine Inferieure, France, an avalanche crushed three buildings, killed two women and injured twenty persons.

MINISTER BARRIO LUCIO in reply to questions at Santiago said the trouble between Chile and the United States was in a fair way of amicable settlement.

CHICAGO GETS THE PRIZE.

The Democratic National Convention Will Meet There June 21.

The Democratic National Executive Committee in session at Washington selected Chicago, Ill., as the meeting-place for the next Democratic National Convention. The date for the convention to open was set at June 21. Fifteen ballots were taken to choose the convention city.

In the afternoon executive session Mr. Keefaufer resigned his claims to represent Pennsylvania and Mr. Haristy, the new committeeman, was declared the victor of W. L. Scott, deceased. The Montana contest was settled by declaring C. A. Broadwater the regularly accredited committeeman from that State.

There was a tremendous crowd about the Arlington when Chairman Brice called the convention to order at noon.

The orators for New York City were Colonel John H. Fellows, Comptroller Myers and James Breslin. Each of these gentlemen made a fine speech.

Chairman Brice stated that each city would be allowed twenty minutes to present its claims.

William M. Rainey was the first speaker. "I am directed," said he, "to present to you the name of Cincinnati. It is in the heart of this nation. Ohio says, give us the convention, a good platform and a good candidate and we will pledge you victory in '02."

John Turpie, of Indiana, and Charles L. Jewett, Chairman of the State Committee, spoke briefly in favor of Indianapolis.

When Kansas City was reached C. F. Putnam ascended the platform. He said he represented the Democrats of Kansas City, and was here to ask the convention to go there, and Kansas City was, he said, the centre of the Western Hemisphere. With the exception of New York and Chicago, there was not a city that enjoys the railroad facilities of Kansas City.

Governor Peck, of Wisconsin, made a unique, humorous and effective plea for Milwaukee.

Comptroller Myers, of New York City, followed, presenting the claims of that city from a political standpoint.

Each city in turn received its share of praise and pressed its claims. Then an adjournment was had until nine o'clock, when the balloting began. Twenty-five votes were necessary for a choice.

In all the nearly five hundred cities had from one to four votes. On the eleventh he had ten, on the thirteenth none. Her friends had evidently very little "grip."

Milwaukee and Chicago began a real contest on the twelfth ballot. On the thirteenth Chicago jumped up to seventeen votes to Milwaukee's twenty-one.

Then there was a short pause. Indianapolis was beaten after a wonderful display of strength and most of her votes went to Chicago on the fifteenth ballot, giving the Lake City a vote of twenty-seven, which was hailed with prolonged cheering by her friends. Thus ended the struggle.

Some of the ballots were as follows: First Ballot—Chicago, 1; Milwaukee, 8; Kansas City, 13; Indianapolis, 3; New York, 5; Cincinnati, 3; San Francisco, 3; Detroit, 2; St. Paul, 7.

Second Ballot—Milwaukee, 22; Chicago, 15; St. Paul, 6; New York, 1; Detroit, 6; Kansas City, 3.

Third Ballot—Milwaukee, 21; Chicago, 17; Indianapolis, 1; New York, 0; Detroit, 1; Cincinnati, 0; St. Paul, 5; Kansas City, 4; Fourteenth Ballot—Cincinnati, 0; New York, 0; Chicago, 22; Milwaukee, 21; Kansas City, 2; St. Paul, 3; Detroit, 1.

Fifteenth Ballot—Chicago, 27; Milwaukee, 18; Kansas City, 2; St. Paul, 1; Detroit, 1.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

SERBIA is ravaged by diphtheria.

COAL costs \$23 a ton in Venezuela.

COLD weather in Texas killed many cattle.

THE trouble on the Mexican border continues.

THERE were 3331 suicides in this country last year.

NATURAL gas has been found near Salt Lake City, Utah.

SMALLPOX is playing sad havoc in the Capital of Guatemala.

The German Reichstag appropriated \$250,000 for the Chicago World's Fair.

THERE are now nearly five thousand miles of railroad in operation in Mexico.

The manufacture of beet sugar is attaining large proportions in Nebraska.

The postoffice and telegraphic departments in Spain have been consolidated.

OVER 300,000 orange trees were planted in Mexico last year by planters from California.

NEAR Casper, Wyoming, a valuable vein of coal has been found just beneath the grass roots.

INFLUENZA is interfering with the success of the season at French and Italian winter resorts.

FIRES, heating the earth white, have been found near the surface near Warrensburg, Mo.

THE business bankruptcies of 1891 in Great Britain and Ireland were 5200, against 5124 in 1890.

CONTRIBUTIONS amounting to \$6,500,000 for missionary purposes were made in Great Britain last year.

MAYOR MATTHEWS estimates that Boston, Mass., will cost \$18,000,000 for this year's running expenses.

THERE are in Prussia, according to the recent census, 19,234,875 Protestants, and 10,255,867 Catholics.

CHARLES H. ALDRICH, of Chicago, Ill., has accepted the office of Solicitor-General of the United States, to succeed William H. Taft.

SOCIALISTS continue sufficiently troublesome in Belgium to keep the police active and make the Royal Government a trifle uneasy.

THE United States railroad companies with one accord offer to transport all grain destined for relief of starving Russians free of charge.

THE Government has bought from the Shoshone Indians their reservation lands to the extent of 1,100,000 acres for fifty-five cents an acre.

THE Government engineer of British Honduras estimates the value of the mahogany trees of the colony now ready for the market at \$200,000,000.

PROFESSOR MICHELSON, of Clark University, has been invited by the International Bureau of Weights and Measures to establish a metric standard in terms of wave lengths of light.

THE recent census places the population of the Argentine Republic at 3,540,000. That of the city of Buenos Ayres at 540,434. This shows that Argentina has a larger population than Chile and that its capital city is the largest in South or Central America.

"COLONEL" PICKETT NIELSON (colored), "the tallest man on earth" died of typhoid fever in Baltimore, Md., a short time ago. He was eight feet tall and weighed 387 pounds. He was thirty-one years of age, was born in Essex County, Va., and had exhibited in museums all over the country.

A NEWLY-ARRIVED immigrant from Europe got a sentence of ninety years in a New York penitentiary, before he had been in America forty-eight hours.

DOWD, THE SLASHER.

Police Arrest the Man Whose Razor Cut Seven Throats.

Inspector Byrnes has succeeded at last in laying hands on the man who has been cutting the throats of drunken people in the streets of New York City recently. On his own partial confession, the man will be charged also with the murder of John Carson, the broken-down lawyer, found lying in a hallway the morning with a frightful gash in his throat, the prisoner's name is Henry R. Dowd. He was born in Liverpool forty-one years ago, and has spent the last fifteen years of his life begging in New York City. He was caught red-handed, in the very act of killing a man at ten minutes past 5 o'clock in the morning.

The latest victim of the slasher's razor is Henry Miller, or Mueller, of No. 325 Cherry street, and the slasher himself is Henry R. Dowd, of No. 54 New Chambers street.

As far as the police can learn, Dowd began his career of homicide on the night of the 29th of last December. Since that time he has run wild through the Fourth and Eleventh Precincts in the early hours of the morning, and seven victims have fallen under his murderous razor.

The second cutting case occurred on January 8, and the police of the Oak and Bridge Street Police Stations were convinced that a man was running through the lower portion of the Fourth Ward, bent on deeds of blood, and they turned all their energies to his capture.

Inspector Byrnes was called on to aid in the hunt, and every night from midnight until dawn twenty policemen in citizens' clothes, and twenty detectives from the Central Office had paraded the district in the hope of making just such a capture as was made.

For a week or two their efforts were in vain, for, although it seemed as if every street and alley was guarded, the cutting went on, until the slasher killed Lawyer John Carson in front of a Chrysler street stable.

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THE LABOR WORLD.

SWITZERLAND will have an International Labor Congress.

BROOKLYN (N. Y.) bakers have consolidated their unions.

THE steel rail makers of this country