

A St. Louis court has ruled that an engaged girl has an insurable interest in the life of her fiancé.

Gladstone said recently that he was too old to have an opinion on the new woman. His "ideal woman had not altered in the last three score years and ten."

It has been recently calculated that during the eighteen years ending with June 30, 1890, no fewer than 1826 persons were killed in cyclones in the United States.

The Kansas City Journal observes, facetiously: "People seldom kill themselves in the city of Brooklyn. When they get tired of life they simply quit dodging trolley cars."

"The craze over roller skates some years ago is nowhere near so sweeping and widespread in its effects as the present craze over the bicycle," maintains the Chicago Record.

A society for the suppression of scandal has just been started at Insternburg, in East Prussia. Every scandalous story spread in the town will be traced and the originator prosecuted by the society.

The New Orleans Picayune is astonished because Henry W. Hall, of New York, has been sentenced to prison for a year for shooting himself, and the same day, in the same city, a woman, who had tried to murder her husband, was discharged.

Two reasons given in the New York Sun for the falling off in the receipts at Monte Carlo are the financial stringency in the United States and in Italy—the Nations that spent most money at the tables—and the rise of Cairo as a winter resort.

The bicycle has had a serious effect on rents in Chicago, claims the New Orleans Picayune. Clerks and people of moderate means find that they can get to their business as early and as easily from a distant suburb, and can save in the rent more than the cost of the wheel.

An international monument to Hermann von Helmholtz is to be erected in Berlin. It promises, remarks the Washington Star, to be a unique memorial for the money with which it will be purchased is being contributed by Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Russia and the United States. Science knows no nationality.

One of the great blessings which will undoubtedly result from the war in the East is that China will be opened to the trade of the world. Mr. Denby, United States Minister at Peking, in a late report, predicts that Japan, in making a treaty with China will, to a great extent, endeavor to remove many restrictions now existing on foreign trade.

Miss Estelle Clayton, an enterprising New York actress, is trying to have every one else enjoined from acting the part of Trilby with bare feet, avers The Pathfinder. She says she has a copyright on bare feet on the stage. In that case the law requires her to send two specimens to be filed in the Library of Congress. What's to be done? There is no provision for storing bare feet in the Congressional Library.

The growth of cotton mills in the South has increased nearly 100 per cent in five years. The total number of spindles in operation in 1895 was 3,001,340, against 1,699,082 in 1890, and the number of looms in operation in 1895 was 70,874, against 38,865 in 1890. It is said that New England manufacturers, who represent 1,500,000 spindles, have recently been investigating the advantages of the South for cotton manufacture.

There have been few deaths of Cabinet officers since the war, Mr. Gresham being only the fourth to die in all that time. General John A. Rawlins, who was Secretary of War under President Grant, died while still in service. Charles J. Folger, who was Secretary of the Treasury under Arthur, died in 1884, and William Windom died in 1891, after making a speech at the Chamber of Commerce banquet at Delmonico's. At that time he was Secretary of the Treasury in Harrison's Cabinet. Mr. Gresham is the fourth Secretary of State to die in service. The others were Hugh S. Legare, who died in 1843 while Acting Secretary of State under Tyler; Abel P. Upshur, who followed him in the same Cabinet, and who was killed by the explosion of a gun on board the war vessel Princeton, and Daniel Webster, who at the time of his death was Secretary of State in Fillmore's Cabinet.

Car fender patents have of late been issued from the Washington Patent Office at the rate of seven a week.

The General Assembly of the Northern Presbyterian Church has resolved that it has and will have control of the theological seminaries, whether the trustees consent or not.

Anent the Alliance affair the Atlanta Constitution recalls the old Mora claim, on which the Spanish Government nine years ago promised to pay the claimant \$1,500,000, and has never yet paid a cent.

Our Chief Naval Constructor, Hiebhorn, says that twelve-inch guns are the largest necessary to get the best results. His conclusions are based on the experiments of foreign Powers, and the outcome of the Japanese war.

General Booth, of the Salvation Army, is planning to send such an industrial colony to Canada as will astonish the world. His scheme comprehends the transportation of 10,000 persons, and he is sanguine that these people will stay and prosper there.

With a population about half that of this country, France is getting along toward the billion dollar mark in annual expenses. The interest on the National debt is \$370,000,000, and the cost of the army and navy \$180,000,000. The revenues this year are estimated at \$665,000,000, and a deficit of about \$10,000,000 is probable.

Any one that has acted as a witness in court and kissed the court Bible in taking the oath should understand the sanitary reasonableness of Pennsylvania's new law to dispense with the kissing, explains the New York Independent. Nathaniel Hawthorne described the Bible he used for administering oaths to American waifs and strays who came to his consulate in Great Britain as "greasy with perjuries."

It is not generally known, declares the New York Sun, that "the territory proposed to be annexed to this city slightly exceeds in area the present annexed district. The new area measures 13,000 acres, which is nearly equal to the area of Manhattan Island. The entire area of the city is now about 41 square miles. With the new annexation it will be a little short of sixty-four square miles. New York is in the area of the large American cities."

The English ruling classes are showing a high degree of intelligence in the manner of their recruiting system, admits the Atlanta Constitution. They have got rid of the fundamental idea of an aristocracy of birth. They no longer insist that in order to be entitled to rule others the aristocrat must be able to trace his pedigree back to Odin and Thor. They are carefully constructing a new aristocracy on the fundamental principle that the strong are entitled to rule the weak. Whenever in the England of to-day a strong man appears the ruling class at once attempts to conciliate him. He may be a successful brewer, or a great and powerful pawnbroker or an artist or a poet or an actor or a soldier. It makes no difference what he is or where he comes from. If he shows strength, if he demonstrates his ability to thrust his way to the front in the struggle for existence, if he has shown the power to push the weak aside or even if he is merely excellent without being aggressive, he is watched in the hope that his strength can be added to that of the governing class.

If there was ever an historical event of peace that deserved commemoration by painting or statuary it was the laying of the Atlantic cable, maintains the New York Independent. In our own history the Declaration of Independence or the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation may be greater, but they were events of war as well as of peace. It is highly proper that the Chamber of Commerce of New York City should have honored the memory of Cyrus W. Field and the distinguished men who were associated with him—Peter Cooper, Moses Taylor, Marshall O. Roberts, Wilson G. Hunt, Samuel F. B. Morse, Chandler White and David Dudley Field, by the unveiling of a noble painting of the projectors of the Atlantic cable, by the venerable artist, Daniel Huntington. Mr. Field is represented as standing by a table in the presence of his seated associates, and explaining to them his project on a map. Mr. Dewey delivered the address in honor of Mr. Field. Two brothers of Cyrus W. Field are now living, one Justice Field, of the United States Supreme Court, the other, Dr. Henry M. Field, of the Evangelist. Justice Brewer, of the Supreme Court, is his nephew.

FOUND WATERY GRAVES.

A Long Chain of Summer Drowning Accidents.

FOUR YOUNG WOMEN PERISH.

Of a Party of Seven Girls Who Went Bathing, Three Only Were Rescued—Died to Save Another—Three Boys Lost in the Lake at Cleveland, Ohio—Half a Score Stank in Russia.

Details of a distressing accident, which resulted in the drowning of four girls at Big Run, a hamlet near Dubois, Penn., have just been received. The unfortunate ones were members of a party of seven girls, whose ages ranged from thirteen to sixteen. They were bathing in a small stream called Mahoning Creek.

Their names were Sadie and Margie Anthony, Rosa Ritter and Cora Ruch. Only one of the girls could swim, and when Margie Anthony suddenly disappeared in a hole of deep water a panic ensued. All wreson beyond their depth and crying for aid.

The girl who could swim rescued two of her companions, but could do no more. Before aid could reach them the other four had disappeared for the last time beneath the surface. The bodies were all recovered.

Lost His Life to Save a Woman. Mrs. Mary Pass and Mrs. John Ross, of Norristown, Penn., in company with Angelo Brown, went to the Schuylkill River a few days ago above West Conshohocken to bathe. Mrs. Pass got beyond her depth and Brown went to her assistance. The burden was too much for him and he had to release his hold.

He was so exhausted that he sank and drowned. In the meantime Thomas Smith went to the woman's assistance and rescued her. She was unconscious, but was brought back to life.

Mrs. Pass's husband committed suicide by drowning several weeks ago, and she was engaged to be married to Brown.

Drowned in the Harlem Mere. Several boys were playing ball near the Harlem mere in Central Park, New York, City, just before dark. The boy at the bat hit the ball and sent it flying into the water.

The boys made a vain effort to reach the floating ball with sticks. Finally one of the boys, held by a playmate, in leaving for the bank of the lake, lost his balance and fell into the water, dragging with him the boy who had hold of him.

John J. Irving got one of the boys ashore and then waded and swam out to the place where the other, Joseph Genter, had gone down. He fished repeatedly, but could not save the boy. The body was recovered.

Boys Drowned Trying to Save Another. Three boys were drowned in Lake Erie, Cleveland, Ohio, near the life saving station, when two of them in an attempt to save their companion, they were drowned.

His Body Found in the Hudson. The body of Frank B. Hull, son of District Attorney Hull, of Washington County, was found in the Hudson River near Troy, N. Y. Hull had been missing for about a week, and it is thought to be a case of suicide.

Mother Saved; Five Children Lost. A sailing vessel capsized on the Stint Lake, Russia, and twelve out of sixteen persons on board, went to the bottom. A woman who was saved lost five children.

STUDENTS SHOT BY A COLORED MAN. Two Freshmen Receive Desperate Wounds at Princeton (N. J.) College.

The most dastardly crime in the history of Princeton (N. J.) College was committed late a few nights ago when Garrett Cochran and Frederick Pearson, both of the Class of '98, were shot down, seemingly without provocation, by a colored man, John Collins. Cochran and Pearson were in the infirmary at the point of death, and Collins was locked up in the Tombs here. There were few witnesses to the tragedy, and from these no motive could be learned for the shooting.

John Thompson, who keeps the largest boarding-house for students in Princeton, is the only witness who gives an intelligent account of the affair.

The shooting grew out of a street quarrel. Dr. Bull, of New York City, hurried on a special train to the college and extracted the two bullets.

GREAT CLOUDBURST IN GERMANY. Many Persons Drowned and Much Damage to Property Done in Wurtemberg.

The Black Forest district of Wurtemberg, Germany, was deluged by a cloudburst, inundating a vast tract of territory. A large number of persons were drowned and almost incalculable damage was done to property. The volume of falling water caused the River Eyach to overflow, and a hundred or more houses in the villages along the river bank were swept away.

One house in Ballingen, with nine occupants, was carried away, and as yet no trace of it has been found. Four houses were destroyed in Frommern and fifteen of the persons who occupied them are missing.

Ten persons are known to have been drowned in Ballingen, seven in Frommern, fifteen in Laufen and several in other villages. Besides these many others were missing.

Growth of Cremation. At the meeting in Boston of the New England Cremation Society President John Storer Cobb gave interesting statistics, showing that the number of cremations in America has steadily increased from thirty-six in 1885 to 876 in 1894. To-day there are seventeen crematories in operation.

Waxtra Show Fight. Waxtraian tribesmen made an attack upon Fort Sandeman, in the Waxtra territory, India, killing Lieutenant How of the British Army and eleven of his attendants.

Breaks His Arm in Throwing. William H. Soper, a '96 dental student from Greensburg, Wis., met with a curious accident on the baseball field at Ann Arbor, Mich. He was playing in a class game, and in making a throw home from the outfield gave his arm a jerk that broke it near the joint. The doctors are much puzzled as to how the fracture could have occurred.

Killed in a Mine Collapse. The top of the Doe Run Lead Mine, at Flat River, Mo., caved in, killing three men and badly injuring a fourth. The dead are Robert Penbury, Robert Labayure, John Deoria.

A CONNECTICUT MEMORIAL.

State Monument in Memory of the Twelfth Regiment.

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