



WEDNESDAY, January 27, 1897.

SENATOR THURSTON, of Nebraska, has been ordered by the Populist legislature of his State to vote for free silver.

IN the United States last year there were 125 legal executions and 131 lynchings. Mob law appears to be on top.

THE fact that the deficit is about \$30,000 a day is tempered by the reflection that the number of days the present bill will have to stand it is tapering off beautifully.

IT may be true, as reported, that Major McKinley is having some difficulty in forming his cabinet, but it will be a good one when it is done. And that is all the people ask for.

JOHN SHEPHERD'S career shows that a man need not be President in order to make American history of the highest importance. A President lasts eight years at the outside, while Mr. Shepherd's tenure has been over forty years.

THE Republicans of Virginia and Tennessee were cheated out of their victory last year, but they can see in the vigorous growth of their party the coming regeneration of two great States, and when it does come it will stay.

IN the last Cuban rebellion American citizens lost property valued at \$100,000,000, and they will suffer in the present war to a greater amount. The inconclusive hostilities that Spain is dragging on are ruinous to herself and a costly nuisance to others.

MR. AND JAMIE are about the only two real Christians in this town, "and some of the old lady in the story, "and sometimes I have my doubts about Jamie." It is largely that way with the professional reformers when they begin to call other people spoilsmen.

ACCORDING to the returns, as canvassed by the Legislature, the plural vote of the Democratic candidate for Governor of Tennessee is 15,968. It seems strange that the experts who had charge of the counting did not make it an even 16,000 while they were at it.

THE official statement of exports and imports for December shows very clearly that the wave of prosperity is steadily approaching, and that the beginning of a healthy revival is well advanced. It is a relief to find that the country's former prosperity.

THE Executive Committee of the Republican State League of Clubs met in Harrisburg on Thursday last. Wilkes-Barre and Williamsport were the only two places mentioned for the next convention, and Williamsport won by a vote of 29 to 7, and the conference is set for Thursday, the 5th and 6th of September, 1897, were fixed as the dates of the convention.

THE bubonic plague now epidemic in India, through fears of contagion, is attracting much attention throughout the world. It is said to bear a very close resemblance to ague. The victim first becomes dazed and distracted, and then has headache, fever, and a burning thirst. The disease is usually fatal, but if a patient survives the first attack for five days he generally recovers.

CONDITIONS are favorable to a general improvement in the industrial world, and the business world is only awaiting the inauguration of a Republican administration when the confidence it carries with it, and a forward movement in the direction of protection, to take a new life. All this will be realized in a very few weeks, and better times may be expected with full assurance of realization.

A NEW steamship company has been organized in Yokohama, the vessels to be run from that city to San Francisco. This is but another evidence of the progress Japan is making, and indicates that she proposes to become a power on the sea, as well as on the land. The Pacific cable will undoubtedly soon be laid, and will be of valuable assistance in the conduct of the great ocean traffic between Japan, the islands of the Pacific, and the United States. This country wants all the trade she can get with Japan.

A REMARKABLE tale is told of a trial in Kentucky, where it was officially announced that all the men in the courtroom would have to submit to a search for weapons if they wished to remain. Two barrels full of revolvers were secured, and that a couple of spectators cried like children when their weapons were confiscated. All of which goes to show that the complaint about the destruction in advancing civilization of all pretensions in life is not entirely well founded.

IN VIEW of the many attacks on wills because of the alleged incapacity of the persons making them, a Connecticut legislator proposes a law to the effect that every individual who makes a will may deposit it with a legal officer who shall give public notice that a will has been offered, and that all who wish to question the testator's capacity shall have a certain time in which to do so; and if no objection is made, then the will shall not be subject to attack on that ground after death. The passage of such a law in all of the States would materially reduce the number of will contests, and promote the distribution of property according to the real desires of testators, besides lessening the fees of lawyers who now often get large shares of estates through controversies of that kind.

THE election of a United States Senator to succeed Senator Cameron was a very dignified and decorous proceeding, attended by none of the exciting scenes that characterized the elections in Illinois and Delaware. Pennsylvania may have a great deal of excitement in nominating a candidate for Senator, but the instances are few where the Republican party squabbled over the nomination was made. The friends of Mr. Wannamaker swept gracefully into line and voted for Mr. Penrose, and the young Philadelphia goes into office with the hearty good wishes of the people of a great State who have followed his public career and are proud of him. We are satisfied that Mr. Penrose will make a good public servant in the highest and most dignified body in the United States. He has had the experience, he is able, and he will take high rank from the start.

The Black Death.

The pestilence which is depopulating Bombay at the present time is the same as that which died to death 66,336 inhabitants of London in 1665, which once reduced the population of Norway from 2,000,000 to 200,000, and from which in the 14th century 25,000,000 persons are said to have perished in Europe. It is characterized by boils and carbuncles, especially in the groin. These are known as buboes hence the name, bubonic plague, which is now generally used.

The following from the New York Sun, gives some idea of the devastations since the dawn of history: As cholera has its home in the lower valley of the Ganges, so plague has for centuries had its habitat and starting point in Yunnan, a province of southern China, about midway between Hongkong and Calcutta, and near the head waters of rivers which flow southward through Burma and Siam. From Yunnan the disease was carried in 1841 to Canton, where 60,000 died in a few weeks, and to Hongkong, where for a time there were 100 deaths per day. It was at Canton and Hongkong in that year that the eminent Japanese bacteriologist, Dr. Kitasato, discovered the characteristic bacillus of plague and by his fearless investigations demonstrated that the malady was identical with that which ravaged London in 1665, and of which DeFoe wrote in 1720, when England was almost at the mercy of mortality from the same disease in Marseilles.

The historical accounts of the appalling epidemics of plague during the last 750 years are almost incredible. It may be said that the germs were always borne westward from India, to which they had been brought from Southern China, and that the paths followed were substantially those which cholera followed in the Middle Ages. Constantinople and Egypt were the half way places of plague. There is a long list of devastating epidemics, but the worst of them was what was called the Black Death, prevailing throughout Europe and Asia in the years 1345-51. The path of this pestilence was from China to India, Egypt, Constantinople, and Italy, and thence through Europe. London's loss was much greater than in the epidemic of which De Foe wrote, (when 40,000 died in two months), and even in such a town as Norwich the dead numbered 17,000. It was estimated and reported that 130,000 persons died in China of the plague during this epidemic and that in the other parts of Asia there were 23,000,000 victims. Certain countries were said to have been depopulated. In Cairo the mortality exceeded 10,000 per day. Germany lost 1,244,000 of her people. One-half of the inhabitants of Italy are said to have perished. Dr. Becker, of Berlin, a respected authority, estimates that this epidemic swept away one-quarter of the people of Europe, or 25,000,000 persons!

The disease which so ravaged the world in the fourteenth century was identical with the malady prevailing in Bombay now, and that which half a century ago has appeared in Europe only once in serious epidemic form—in 1878-9 at the mouth of the Volga. Owing to the famine and to conditions indicated by a death-rate increasing for the last decade and a half, there may be a great loss of life in India during the next six months, but the European powers can protect themselves.

"I am a soldier of the Rebellion. A year ago I was in bed all winter with chronic rheumatism. Three doctors failed to give me relief. Two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters put me on my feet. It was a blessing to me."—W. B. Knapp, Littlefield, Hillsdale Co., Mich.

Brother Married Sister. WICHITA, Kan., January 22.—The village of Malvern, a few miles south of here, is stirred up over disclosures brought to light on the occasion of the thirty-ninth wedding anniversary of Peter Wilson and wife a few days ago. Their nine children and several grand-children were present, with many neighbors. In the company was Isaac Ashton, foster father of Mrs. Wilson, who was en route to Oklahoma, and Robert Wilson, foster father of Peter Wilson, who abated in a neighboring county. The men were neighbors forty years ago, but had not seen each other since. Their reminiscence talk brought out the fact that in 1838 Alexander Taylor, wife and two children, lived in Richmond, Ind., having moved there from Noble county, Ohio. Taylor went as a volunteer to the Florida Indian war, and died while on the expedition. Mrs. Taylor died soon afterward, leaving her children, Peter and Rachel, six and two years old, respectively, to the care of strangers. Isaac Ashton and Robert Wilson had been friends of the Taylors. Ashton adopted Rachel and Wilson adopted Peter Taylor. Ashton moved to Iowa soon afterward, and Wilson went to Northern Missouri. They never spoke to the children of their antecedents, and they grew up to consider they were the children of their respective foster parents.

When Peter Wilson was seventeen years old he went to Sioux City, Iowa, to learn the carpenter's trade, and at a temporary meeting he met Rachel Ashton, who was visiting her sister near St. Louis. There is no embalmment and undertaker near St. Antonio and a telegram was sent here for one. The young man was still alive, but his physical condition was positive he would be dead in a few hours.

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Three Millions for a Book. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—The most expensive book that has ever been published in the world is the official history of the War of the Rebellion, which is now being issued by the Government of the United States at a cost up to date of \$2,342,811. It will require at least three years longer and the total cost undoubtedly will reach nearly three millions of dollars. It is composed of 112 volumes, including an index and an atlas. Copies are sent free to public libraries, and 1,347,695 are sold at prices ranging from 50 to 90 cents per volume.

Ex-Congressman W. A. Harris is considered to be in the lead for United States Senator in Kansas. A new and strong candidate was announced Saturday night, however, says a dispatch from Topeka, in Ex-Governor John P. St. John. Though a Prohibitionist of National standing, he is in the eyes of the Populists, and may slip in as a compromise.

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This Boy Hero May Die.

FRANKLIN, Pa., Jan. 22.—There are in jail here four men who attempted to commit a midnight burglary at the home of 70-year-old Jane Richardson, of Plum County, this county, but were heroically driven off by a 16-year-old boy, who with an old-fashioned shot gun successfully held the robbers at bay, although he himself received a pistol wound that may yet prove fatal.

Len Fortune is the name of the lad. He is an orphan, and for some time past has lived with the aged Miss Jane Richardson, whose reputed wealth—gold hidden in a trunk—made her and her lonely little home in the woods a target for burglars.

The attempted robbery occurred last Wednesday night and the men under arrest, and one of whom has confessed, are West and Samuel Stanford, brothers, and Silas Caruahan and Henry Strahl, father-in-law and son-in-law respectively.

It was after 9 o'clock at night when Miss Richardson was awakened by a terrific thumping on the door of her little home. She called to the boy, Len Fortune, but before he could raise the window she saw the robbers at bay, although their mission might be the front door gave way in the face of their onslaught and a minute later the inmates of the house heard several men coming upstairs.

But young Fortune was not cowardly and he held the intruders at bay and he had them. In reply a pistol bullet imbedded itself in the ceiling above him. Then it was that the lad, having armed himself with the old-fashioned shot-gun, put himself on the defensive. He fired in the direction of the men, who by this time had halted at the foot of the stairs. His salute was answered by two pistol shots and instantaneously he lay struck in the side. Nothing daunted, however, he fired the second barrel of his gun, and a moment later he had the satisfaction of hearing heavy footsteps descending from the yard outside.

Reluctantly his gun, young Fortune fled across the fields to his nearest neighbor, and a half-hour later two young farmers, R. M. Billig and George Graves, mounted on horses and heavily armed, started in pursuit of the robbers. The farmers followed four men's tracks in the snow, and after covering nearly 15 miles and just at the break of day, Billig and Graves came up with two men, who were almost exhausted from walking. They had two prisoners and before a half-hour had passed the elder of the two, who proved to be Silas Caruahan, confessed that he and his companion, Henry Strahl, a mere boy, were the robbers.

Death in a Love Letter. SHAMOKIN, Jan. 21.—Miss Helen McGrave, of Cameron township, found death in a letter to her lover. While moistening the back of the envelope preparatory to sealing it the young girl's tongue was slightly lacerated, from which she died Sunday.

The girl had a quarrel with her lover, Herman Schmitt, about two weeks ago, and he was gone; however, she repented, and for several days she worried over the affair, and sat down and wrote the letter, asking forgiveness and pleading with him to return. It was in sending this letter that her tongue received the laceration that caused her awful death.

Her tongue began to swell, and on the fourth day after the letter was mailed sharp pains racked her system. Doctors were called in, but after a careful examination found that she could not recover. The patient bore the announcement of her fate bravely, but asked that her lover be notified of her condition. His response was prompt and he arrived last Saturday, but only to find her dying. With tears in her eyes she asked him to kiss her, and then she sobbed in each other's arms. Death ended her sufferings early Sunday morning, and she was buried this afternoon.

No Use For an Undertaker. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 21.—Robert Richmond, a young man from St. Louis, was taken sick at Marfa, a small town 40 miles west of here on the Southern Pacific Railroad. He grew rapidly worse and became unconscious and his attending physician telegraphed the patient's parents in St. Louis that their son was dying.

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The End of Little Pete.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Little Pete, the most noted Chinaman in San Francisco, was murdered by his countrymen in Chinatown last night. He was sitting in a chair in a Chinese barber shop when three Chinese entered and shot him, inflicting a wound from the chest effects of which he died in a short time. The murderers were arrested.

The murder is the outcome of a quarrel between two of the Chinese Six Companies, and is supposed to have been instigated by Hinghiders hired to do the job.

Little Pete had a varied and remarkable career in San Francisco, and for years was the most influential Chinaman in this part of the country. Whenever any of his countrymen were in trouble Little Pete was called upon to help them out, and he achieved a reputation for jury fixing that almost landed him in the penitentiary. He was at the head of the business of importing Chinese women to this country for immoral purposes, and was wealthy. Little Pete, although he spoke English fluently, retained his Chinese dress as a matter of policy. He controlled many of the gambling dens in Chinatown, and his revenues from that source were large.

Every Section of the Country in Winter's Icy Grip. CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—The people of Chicago were aroused to-day to take prompt action for the relief of the city. The two-score suffering destitute inhabitants, whose suffering for want of fuel, food and clothing has reached an extreme stage on account of the cold weather which came upon the city Saturday, increasing in intensity, until to-day it reached the lowest point officially recorded in a quarter of a century.

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