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IN 1897 the world's gold production went ahead of the 1896 record by about $33,000,000. The United States led, and it is a solid distinction to hold.

OHIO Democrats have invited Mr. Kurtz to join their ranks, but it is not likely that he will be intrusted with any party work requiring a delicate sense of fidelity.

ONE of the political signs of the times is the Democratic eagerness for a fresh fusion with the Populists. The Pops will insist on having all the platform next time.

GOVERNOR BUSHNELL fancied that he was "a receptive candidate," but the Democrats disdained to give him a vote. He snapped at a shadow and lost an honorable name.

THE Chinese expect their luck to change after the total eclipse of the sun in that region, January 22. Perhaps it may if they drop their astrology and study modern military tactics.

THE bribery charges are to be investigated by the Ohio Legislature, and there are hints that it will not be the Hanna Republicans who will be caught in the net. There were a few wicked Democrats in Columbus during the struggle for the Senatorship.

THE reports of the loss of life in Cuba, from disease and famine, are almost beyond belief. It is stated that fully half a million deaths have taken place that are traceable to the policy of annihilation as practiced by the Spanish commanders.

SPEAKER HENRY K. BOYER, appointed superintendent of the Philadelphia mint, has tendered his resignation as a member of the State House of Representatives to Chief Clerk Rex. Mr. Boyer takes the position that, as Mr. Rex is the next officer in authority to himself, he is the proper person to address.

IT OUGHT not to be a very difficult matter to break the will of the unrepentant Pennsylvania Democrat who left his grandsons $1,000 each on condition that they should support the Democratic party through life. Never was there a clearer case of unsound mind. Anyway, the heirs will probably forfeit the money rather than to incur the awful penalty imposed.

SENATOR QUAY is after the lynchers in Oklahoma territory who burned two innocent Seminole Indians at the stake under the impression that they were murderers. He has succeeded in having passed a bill appropriating $25,000 with which to hunt down and punish the lynchers, and they will have to keep under pretty close cover if they want to avoid punishment.

LET THE Republicans in the several election districts of the county see to it that good men are nominated for office. The importance of having proper local officials is sometimes overlooked. It frequently happens that the men who seek for local honors are the very parties who should not be elected, while the men who don't want office badly enough to go after it, will do much more for the people in case they are elected.

FOR AT least seven years to come, or until 1905, Ohio is sure of having a Senator who will be an honest and pronounced Republican at all times and under all circumstances, who will stand up for the policies and candidates of his party always, and who has neither jealousies nor leanings toward disloyal practices to hamper him in his devotion to his political faith or to his partisan associates. Manly men of all parties will rejoice at the election of Marcus A. Hanna.

THE members of the Republican Tippecanoe Club, of Cleveland, who went to Columbus to try to defeat Mark Hanna have been asked to resign. This includes Mayor McKisson, who was Mark Hanna's chief opponent, and Speaker Mason, of the House of Representatives, who was elected as a Republican and violated his pledge. A real Republican organization has no use for such men. They tried to defeat the will of the Republican party, and they no longer belong in that party. Perhaps, if they are willing to do penance for a decade of years, they may be received back into the fold, but they must take a back seat.

ONE of the most important of the local district offices to be filled at the coming February election is that of assessor. The work attached to this position is arduous, and requires a high degree of intelligence. The remuneration attached to it is small, considered from a standpoint of financial return. This should not prevent the man who is well qualified from serving when chosen, as such work well done is a benefit to the whole community. Political parties, in making nominations for this office, should take especial care to name their best men. The assessors elected at the coming February election will serve for three years, and will make the first triennial assessment of the new century.

IN Philadelphia elections were held Tuesday evening of last week to elect delegates to a convention held the following day to nominate a receiver of taxes. The opposing candidates were Harvey K. Newitt, backed by what is known as the ward leaders' league, and Wm. J. Roney, David Martin's brother-in-law, backed by the combine. At the convention Wednesday the Newitt forces, claiming that properly accredited Newitt delegates were not admitted, bolted and held a convention of their own, nominating Newitt. The Martin convention nominated Roney. It is evidently another fight like the one of a year ago, in which Martin's man for sheriff was beaten by Alexander Crow, junior.

THE disease sweeping off thousands of Cubans is well named "misery" by the natives. It is caused by a lack of food, shelter, medicine, and and all ordinary household comforts. In the Irish famines a great number perished from a disease called "road fever." The starving victims wandered off aimlessly along the roads until they sank under their utter wretchedness and died beside the highway. The malady was identical with the "misery" of the Cubans, though less acute, for military inhumanity was not added to the suffering. Secretary Sherman has again called attention to the cry of affliction and distress from Cuba, and to the opportunity to forward supplies from this country. The appeal will meet with a prompt and earnest response.

BETWEEN the hours of one and seven p. m. Saturday will be held a primary election which will decide the Republican ticket of this borough. We urge all Republican voters to attend the primary and vote for none but the best men who will offer for the various positions to be filled. Live, capable business men should be nominated for members of council, and of vital importance to every citizen of the borough is the selection of proper persons for the office of school director. A school director's responsibilities are such as make it imperative that the choice of men to fill the position should not be subject to the ordinary considerations of politics. A school director, for instance, should be a man who would seek the office only because of his love of education and of his desire to aid in making good citizens out of the youngsters. Sometimes—alas!—there have been men who sought to be school directors for the opportunities the position affords for illicit money making out of the necessities of book publishing firms, while others have sought it with the selfish view of advancing their political interest and for the opportunity it afforded of rewarding political friends. With this class of men the best interests of the community and the schools have always been a secondary consideration. There is room for improvement in our public schools, and it will be a step in the right direction if proper persons are nominated for school directors next Saturday.

Forty Lives Lost.

Two score of human lives and upward of $1,000,000 worth of property were destroyed by a tornado which burst upon Ft. Smith, Ark., Tuesday night. The storm tore its way through the entire city, leaving its path marked by death and desolation. Men, women and children, peacefully asleep in their homes, were, without a moment's warning, awakened to meet a horrible death in the fearful storm, while others momentarily more fortunate, and who escaped the furies of the wind, met a far worse fate a few moments later in the flames which soon engulfed many of the wrecked buildings. The scene following the first terrific crash of the storm was one of awful grandeur. Business blocks, handsome mansions, hotels and humble cottages were razed to the ground and scattered in shapeless masses. Several of the wrecks caught fire, and the inflammable timbers burned furiously. The city was crowded with rural visitors, many of whom were sleeping at boarding houses unregistered. For this reason the number of victims who perished may never be definitely known. Ft. Smith's $50,000 high school building, the finest of its kind in the southwest was badly wrecked. It was one of the few buildings upon which there was any tornado insurance.

Paid $15,000 For a Leg.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Jan. 14.—Frederick Graeber to-day received $15,000 from the Mineral Railroad and Mining Company in settlement for the loss of a leg, and relatives of the late Miss Maud Gothie received $1000.

Last January, during the coldest night of the winter, the young couple, while driving home from Elysburg, were swallowed up by a cave-in caused by underground workings of the Cameron Colliery. Miss Gothie and the horses were instantly killed, while Graeber had a leg broken, which had to be amputated to prevent blood-poisoning. Graeber lay ten hours at the bottom of the pit before being rescued.

Bad $100 Bill for the Heathen.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Some contributor to mission work to-day sent a $100 silver certificate to the American Board of Foreign Missions. It was sent to the Sub-Treasury asking if it was good.

Assistant Treasurer Muhleman examined it closely and then called for a perforating machine. When he finished with the bill it looked like a sieve. All over it Mr. Muhleman had perforated the the word "bad."

This makes the seventeeth counterfeit so far discovered in the country, twelve of which were passed in Philadelphia, three in New York, one each in Chicago and St. Louis.

Education by Compulsion.

EASTON, Pa., Jan. 14.—Easton parents are having their first experience with the Compulsory Education law, and it is of such a character that there will probably be few willful violations in the immediate future.

The Board of School Controllers has caused the arrest of a number of parents whose children between the ages of eight and sixteen have not been attending school. For the first offense the violators of the law are required to pay a fine of $2 and the cost of prosecution.

Shot Three Bears.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Jan. 14.—Pierce Lentz, a farmer residing at Tomb's Run, this county, killed three bears in a piece of woodland on his farm. Lentz, in company with several other men, was engaged in cutting down trees when they spied a mother bear and two large cubs huddled together under a ledge of rocks. Mr. Lentz hastened to the house and secured his repeating rifle. Returning he found the bears still there, and taking careful aim he fired three times in rapid succession. Two of the bears were killed instantly, and the third was so badly wounded that it was unable to escape.

Landed Among Moonshiners.

A dispatch from Jeannette, says: Hon. Amos Trout, an assemblyman from Westmoreland county, says that while hunting on the ridge recently he had chased a rabbit into a pile of brush. In order to frighten the game he jumped on the brush. His leap landed him ten or twelve feet under ground, among a crowd of mountaineers busily engaged in manufacturing mountain dew.

He was treated right royally, but politely invited to withdraw, which he did, after warning the moonshiners to vacate. The moonshiners have abandoned their retreat.

Named Again.

On Saturday Governor Hastings announced the re-appointment of James Campbell, the well known factory inspector, for another term of three years. The commission was at once made out and the inspector subscribed to the oath of office.

Mr. Campbell, who is an Allegheny countian, was appointed by the Governor three years ago and his administration of the office has been characterized by vigor and not a few prosecutions have been brought under bake shop laws, whose inspection laws Mr. Campbell particularly enforced.

Cleveland's House Robbed.

BUZZARDS BAY, Mass., Jan. 16.—Burglars ransacked Gray Gables, the summer home of ex-President Cleveland, from cellar to garret. Just when it was done is not known. The robbers threw the furniture and ornaments around in the dining room, parlors and sitting room, and emptied the wine closet. How much plunder they took away can not be told until some member of Mr. Cleveland's household arrives and takes stock.

PROFITS IN BEET SUGAR.

Plans for Establishing the Industry in the Cumberland Valley.

PRACTICAL TALK TO FARMERS.

Publicity was last night given by Frank C. Bosler, of Carlisle, before the Farmers' Institute for Philadelphia County in Horticultural Hall, to plans which have been far advanced for the creation of a great beet sugar industry in the Cumberland Valley, says a writer in the Sunday's Philadelphia Record. If they are carried through to the success which he predicts, there will be a sort of revolution in farming in that locality, which will extend to other parts of the State. He stands ready, with associates, to put up a factory for making beet sugar, which will cost about $300,000, provided the farmers will co-operate in raising enough beets of the right quality. This, he declares, they can easily do, at a profit far above that which they now derive from their lands.

For a period of more than two years Mr. Bosler has been making a practical study of the beet sugar business in all its aspects. Last summer he had a score of farmers in the Cumberland Valley growing beets as an experiment, and the results were decidedly satisfactory. The average yield of beets grown from the best seed, ranged from 13 to 14 tons per acre, and the percentage of sugar in them ran high, as proven by analysis at the State Agricultural Experiment Station.

As a final test of the quantity and quality of the beets that can be raised, 500 farmers have agreed each to plant an acre or more with them the coming season, and the outcome will be watched with great interest. The territory in which the trials are to be made includes parts of Cumberland, Franklin, Adams and Dauphin counties. Samples of the crop from every farm will be analyzed by the State Agricultural authorities, and the bulk of the experiment beets will be fed to cattle, so that the growers will sustain no loss. When the value of the industry has been made evident to all parties, the erection of the factory will be begun. The farmers will sign contracts to plant 7000 or 8000 acres with beets to keep the factory going.

In explaining his plans to the Institute Mr. Bosler said: "The farmers of the United States are now raising wheat at small profit for export, while much of the sugar they use is brought from other countries. A large proportion of it is beet sugar, which comes from Germany. Sugar beets can be grown almost anywhere, but last year only 40,000 tons of beet sugar out of a total of 2,000,000 tons of sugar used in this country was produced within its boundaries.

ONLY ONE FACTORY IN THE EAST.

"There are nine factories to make it in the United States, all of them in the west, but one, which was recently established with success in New York. American methods of extracting the sugar are great improvements over those of Germany, and the cost of manufacture has been reduced to a minimum. The process, simply stated, is to cleanse the beets, slice them and then put them in very hot water under great pressure. The syrup which results is purified, bleached and evaporated. The pulp remaining is excellent food for cattle.

"The fact that the business must be conducted on a large scale is due to the very expensive character of the necessary machinery. A complete outfit costs about $300,000, and to supply a factory so fitted up there should be about 7000 to 8000 acres planted in beets. The quantity usually to be grown is from 10 to 20 tons an acre, and the lowest price paid is $4 a ton.

"An essential is that the seed planted shall be the right kind to produce beets with a high percentage of sugar and 12 per cent. by weight is a good average. We do not merely want tons of beets but beets containing tons of sugar. Another thing of importance in considering the matter is that a beet crop is not exhausting to the soil. The elements of the sugar are taken mostly from the air and water. The tops are thrown back on the land and the pulp returns through the cattle."

No Overtures To Gold Men.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—It is as certain as anything can be in the future that no sort of overtures are going to be made to the gold men who deserted the Democratic party last year on account of the Chicago platform. These men are going to be left to follow whatever course they want to, but if any of them come back into the fold it can be only by the acceptance of what they call Bryanism.

The lines on the silver question are being drawn closer than they ever were before, and it will soon appear that the only way to antagonize the free coinage of silver is to join with the Republican party and work for that party as the gold men did during the last Presidential campaign.

A number of talks and conferences have been held between leaders of the Democratic, Silver Republican and Populist parties, which have resulted in their getting closer and closer together. They agree entirely on the no-compromise policy, and have adopted the policy of making common cause in the support of each other in the fight for silver. The gold people who are deceived by reports of disagreements and divisions are being simply lulled into a sense of security, while the Bryan forces are perfecting their organization in a manner surprising for its skillfulness and complete harmony of purpose. The talk about Democrats trying to bring back the gold men of their party by making terms with them is simply intended to fool the people.

Returned After His Funeral.

DANVILLE, Pa., Jan. 15.—A family reunion occurred several days ago at the house of Mrs. Samuel Smith, at which the guest of honor was William D. Acre, who was long ago mourned as dead, and for whom funeral services were held. Acre's brothers and sisters were present, and gave him good cause for feeling thankful that the report of his death was premature.

Acre left home in 1874 and went to Chicago, where, one night, he was knocked down by a tramp and robbed of his money and papers. Some time after the tramp was killed by a train. On his person were found papers bearing Acre's name. The body was supposed to be that of Acre, and word of his tragic death was sent to his family. A funeral was held, at which a sermon dwelling on the uncertainty of life was delivered, and Acre was mourned as dead until his recent return to correct the erroneous impression.

The Birth of the "Greater" New York.

With the dawn of the new year the "Greater" New York is ushered into the world a full grown giant. The problem of municipal government in this country is to be put to the supremest test on the grandest scale. Within its limits is contained a population equal to that of thirteen of our soverign States at the last census, and as large as that of the original thirteen States when the union was organized. Provisions for the life and health of this vast multitude of all nations and climes is an unsolved enigma, but profiting by the experience of half a century's success; thousands of sufferers in New York and else-where can be wrested from the grasp of that agonizing complaint, rheumatism, by the timely and systematic use of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which is, moreover, a preventive of malaria and kidney trouble, and a sovereign curative of liver complaint, constipation, dyspepsia, debility, sick headache and nervousness. It is an admirable appetizer and promoter of sleep, hastens convalescence, and counteracts the infirmities of age.

News Items.

The Pennsylvania State Association of School Directors will hold its annual convention in Harrisburg Feb. 9.

The Directors of the Poor of York County will erect an asylum for the care of the county's indigent insane.

The Indiana Supreme Court has decided that life insurance policies are not taxable under the present Indiana tax law.

Centre County farmers will try to grow peaches. More than 10,000 trees have been planted during the past six months.

The Centre County Fire Insurance Company, at Bellefonte, conducted by Patrons of Husbandry, has $2,500,000 insurance in force.

On nearly every block in Japanese cities is a public oven where, for a small fee housewives may have their dinners and suppers cooked for them.

Logan Carlisle, chief clerk of the Treasury Department under the administration of his father, John G. Carlisle, died in New York, on Sunday. He was 38 years of age.

The girl wife of General Cassius Clay, of Kentucky, has returned to him, after a three weeks' stay at the home of her sister. The old man cried like a child when he found her in his house again.

A resident of Atlanta, Ga., was so mad, when on Sunday his wife became the mother of a boy baby that he swore he would never look upon the child's face. His desire for a daughter had become a mania with him.

Vandals at Williamsport, Md., have been destroying monuments in the village cemetery. As some of the tombstones destroyed were those marking the graves of Union soldiers it is said that the government will undertake to discover and punish the guilty parties.

It has been decided at Wilkesbarre that Jail Warden Boland's contract with the county commissioners to receive 30 cents a day for feeding jail prisoners is not exorbitant. County Controller Lloyd had claimed that 8 cents a day was sufficient and refused to pay the bills.

Hon. Benjamin Butterworth, United States Commissioner of Patents, died at Thomasville, Ga., where he had been ill for several weeks, on Sunday afternoon. Death was caused by an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Butterworth was a native of Ohio and for a long period of years had been prominent in national politics.

The town of Indiana, which had licenses granted last year for the first time in several years, will have one dry month at least this spring. Judge White has announced that he will not decide license applications until the 1st of next April. Those granted last year date from March 1st; hence a month will intervene with no license, no matter how the decision may ultimately be.

Judge Yerks of Bucks county last week sentenced a gang of four burglars to terms of imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary aggregating 91 years. Charles Arnold, alias Chauncey Arnold, the leader of the gang, fainted when his sentence of thirty years was pronounced. James Williams was sentenced to twenty-seven years, Lafayette Young to 18 years and Charles Harris to 16 years.

Senator Marum, of Woodward, Oklahoma, a wealthy lawyer and ranchman, who recently became noted all over the West because during a three days' argument in the Oklahoma Supreme Court he kept the letter containing an answer to his proposal of marriage in his pocket unopened for fear the reply would be unfavorable and unnerve him to such an extent that he would lose the case, was married Thursday night to Miss Walton, of Terril.

The excitement caused by the discovery of oil flowing from the ground on the Bothel farm, near Edgewood, Indiana county, has not abated in the least, but is rather on the increase. Doubting persons are fewer in number in the community, and interest in the matter is of a more solid nature than that manifested at first. The oil continues to flow almost as strong as ever. Some Standard Oil Company men have been at the field. The oil has been examined by experienced men, who, it is said, pronounce it crude of a high grade.

Mrs. Lucille Lane, youngest daughter of Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, shot herself in her apartments at a Washington, D. C., hotel Saturday night. According to the statement given out by the family the shooting was accidental. Mrs. Lane, it is said, opened a bureau drawer to get a handkerchief and picked up a handful of gloves and laces which had been tossed together in the drawer. Under this fluffy mass was a tiny pistol, a gift from Mrs. Lane's father. It caught in a piece of lace and was discharged, the ball penetrating her left breast, making a dangerous wound.

One of the ugliest and most brutal-looking tramps that ever disgraced the country walked into the public School at Whitney, Westmoreland county, on Thursday, and, compelling Miss Fansold, the teacher, to take a seat with the pupils, and cautioning all to remain quiet on pain of death, began to deliver a lecture. Two men on the road happened to see the fellow go into the school, and they followed him for fear he would do some harm. He showed fight and the men had to give the Weary Waggles a thrashing and throw him out of the school into a mud puddle. He then made off. Some of the smaller pupils were frightened almost to death.

Satan in a Church.

BOURBON, Ind., Jan. 17.—Rev. Mr. Akin, pastor of the flock of Bethel Church, Sunday night took for his theme "His Santanic Majesty." He is an eloquent man, and he painted the archfiend in vivid colors. At the climax of the description a being, dressed to represent a devil, with a large head and switching tail, ambled up the aisle, blowing smoke from his nostrils and bellowing "I am the devil and I want all of you!"

The audience became panic-stricken. Men, women and children were hurled to the floor and trampled upon in the mad rush for the door. In the confusion the stove was upset and the building caught fire. Before the horrified members regained their senses the fire had gained such headway that all attempts to save the church were in vain.

This morning George Akin, son of the pastor, confessed that he, with the help of other boys, rigged up a devil suit, and, knowing the subject of his father's sermon concealed himself behind a chair and awaited the arrival of the audience.

A LITTLE SUFFERER

Face, Hands and Arms Covered With Scrofulous Humors—How a Cure Was Effected.

"When five years old my little boy had scrofula on his face, hands and arms. It was worst on his chin, although the sores on his cheeks and hands were very bad. It appeared in the form of red pimples which would fester, break open and run and then scab over. After disappearing they would break out again. They caused intense itching and the little sufferer had to be watched continually to keep him from scratching the sores. We became greatly alarmed at his condition. My wife's mother had had scrofula and the only medicine which had helped her was Hood's Sarsaparilla. We decided to give it to our boy and we noted an improvement in his case very soon. After giving him four bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla the humor had all been driven out of his blood and it has never since returned." WILLIAM BARTZ, 416 South Williams St., South Bend, Indiana.

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AN ITEM OF INTEREST

An Item of Interest from DuBois May Explain Why the Reader Knows Considerable and Does Not Know Everything.

What we acquire easily, we generall, part with readily; what costs us a physical or mental effort we, as a rule, hang onto tenaciously. No one is a better authority on this question than our public school teachers. Many a time it must have puzzled them what to do with a great many of their pupils, how to get knowledge into their heads is the difficulty, but once in, if they examine the thick-skulled receptacles of their pupils, they will find solid and substantial reasons why the knowledge cannot get out. It is the same with Doan's Kidney Pills; how to account for the work they do is a puzzler, but every man who uses them always can give solid and substantial reasons for his estimate of their merit. Mr. C. L. Luther, cor Luthersburg Road and Weber ave., DuBois, Pa., principal of the First Ward school, says: "I had a severe attack of la grippe, which left me a victim of neuralgia and kidney trouble, producing a constant itching and weakness across the loins, and a severe burning sensation in the stomach, the latter being sore to the touch and very much bloated. The neuralgia settled chiefly in the left side of the head, and when the attack was most virulent, the suffering was intense. The complaint developed into a distressing and annoying urinary difficulty, and for 70 days I was confined to my bed. I partially recovered, but was still unable to do any work, when my attention was called to Doan's Kidney Pills, and I got a supply at a drug store. I soon noticed their beneficial effects. Continuing the treatment, I was completely restored to my normal health, and have since taken some heavy exercise with no indication of the trouble returning. Doan's Kidney Pills have earned my earnest commendation, and I unhesitatingly advise any and all sufferers to give them a trial."

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Deed of a Novel Fiend.

The body of five-year-old Percy Lockyar, who is believed to have been murdered on Friday night by fifteen-year-old Samuel Henderson was found Sunday in the bottom of Reddies Creek, Sixtieth and Catharine streets, Philadelphia, and there seems little doubt in the minds of the police that young Henderson is guilty of the crime.

The child's skull was crushed in and there was a knife thrust just above the heart and a similar wound on his breast, side, and forehead, while on one side of his face was a long cut extending from below the eye to the chin. Two stones tied to the body held it down in the water. From what the police have been able to learn, the crime seems to have been one of the most horrible character, and if its details are true it stamps young Henderson, who is a dime novel fiend, as a degenerate of the worst type, and he does not seem to realize the enormity of his crime.

He admits having coaxed Percy Lockyar and Willie Addison, aged seven years, to the woods to "play Indian," but contends that the younger boy ran against the knife and "stabbed himself," after which Henderson claims he became frightened and threw the body in the creek. The police assert that Henderson accompanied Lockyar and Addison to the woods, as he stated, but that instead of any accident happening to either, Henderson tied both children to a tree; Addison broke away and ran home, and it was then, it is claimed, that young Lockyar's death was accomplished.

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Cause of the Suicides.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The quick succession of suicides here during the last month, all being young ladies about the same age, belonging to the same social set, and afflicted with the same mental trouble, despondency, has prompted the question which everyone in Washington is trying to solve: "What lies behind these tragedies?"

The conclusion is that the young ladies, having been intimately acquainted, experienced similar emotions; and that when the first committed suicide the others sympathised deeply with her sufferings. In this way the idea of suicide was suggested to the remaining three, and as the mania developed they determined on their own destruction. The report that all belonged to a suicide club is without foundation.

Mrs. Lucille Lane, daughter of ex-Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, who shot herself late Saturday night, passed a comfortable night, and the doctors announced that she would be entirely out of danger and able to sit up in three or four days.

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Maryland's Senate Race.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 16.—The interest of the country at large will centre this week about the Maryland Legislature. Although the Republicans control the body, and unitedly could elect a United States Senator to succeed Arthur P. Gorman, Democrat, yet there is a serious split, and eleven Republicans from Baltimore threaten to combine with the Democrats, and, if necessary to assert their independence, may re-elect Gorman to succeed himself.

The condition of affairs is somewhat similar to that seen in Ohio during the past three weeks, and if Gorman shall not be re-elected a deadlock may ensue.

IN NEW DRESS.

The Seventh Avenue Hotel Has Lately Been Remodeled and Renovated!—One of Pittsburg's Finest Hostelries.

After months of "turned-up-side-downedness," due to the entire hotel being overhauled, the old reliable Seventh Ave., Cor. 7th Ave. and Liberty Street, Pittsburg, Pa., (B. C. Wilson & Co., Prop's,) has emerged a complete, modern, up-to-date hostelry. Some idea of its new dress can be had when it is said that it has been remodeled, repaired and renovated from cellar to roof; hot and cold water put in every room; steam heat also added; neat and new artistic iron and brass beds installed. In fact everything from cooking utensils to linen has been newly replaced, leaving nothing undone or to be desired. The dining room comes from the hands of the decorators, one of the finest in the city. Its table, always up to a high standard, is better than ever before. The Seventh Avenue has besides, the advantage of being a comfortable "home" hotel. When in Pittsburg put up at the Seventh Avenue and be pleased.

A Great Detective Story.

During the long winter evenings what is so pleasant to read as a good romance, and what romance is so absorbing as the novel of mystery? The Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph began publication of a story of this kind Saturday, January, 15, and is giving daily installments. It is entitled "Lost Man's Lane," by Anna Katharine Green, who has a world-wide fame as the head of this school of fiction. It is a thrilling story of mystery, the episodes of which as they unfold heighten the reader's interest and the explanation baffles detection until the last chapter reveals it. The adventures of a woman detective are the thread on which the incidents of a touching love story are strung.

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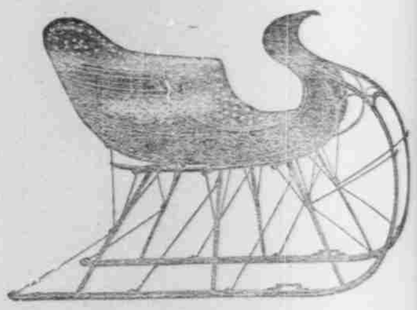

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