#### CAUSED BY FIRE - DAMP

Explosion Occurred in Cumnock Con-Mines in North Carolina - The Superintendent Was Among Those Who Los Their Lives All Bodies, With One Exception, Recovered.

Raleigh, N. C., (Special). - Twenty-two miners, ten white and tweive negroes, lost their lives in an explosion at Cumnock Coal Mines, Chatham county, N. C. The explo sion is supposed to have been caused by broken guaze in a safety lamp.

Forty or fifty men were in the mine at the

Rast Heading. Five were brought out alive from the East Heading, while none of the men in the other parts of the mine was in-

Within an hour after the explosion th work of rescue began, and by daylight all the bodies except one, that of Sim McIntyre. had been brought to the top. All the bodies were borribly burned.

The scenes at the entrance to the mine where many of the widows and children of the dead men were gathered, were heart-rending. The bodies of the victims of the explosion were prepared for burial and the funerals of several took place.

John Connelly, the mine superintendent, came to this State about three years ago from Pittsburg, Pa. He leaves a widow and

three children. The mines are situated at Cumnock Chatham county, about six miles from San ford. The mine has been long used in a desultory way, but in 1898 Samuel A. Henzy,

of Philadelphia, organized a company and put in modern machinery.

There are two shafts, one a small affair for ventilation, and the other, the main working shaft, is 8x12 feet, and is considerably more than 500 feet in depth.

In December, 1895, an explosion took place at the same time, in which 43 lives were lost. This explosion was caused by fire damp, though many of those killed on this occasion lost their lives from the resulting explosion of almost 250 pounds of dyna mite that was stored in the mines. Two other explosions occurred here many years

#### LACKED NERVE.

A Planned Double Tragedy Half Com pleted-End of an Unhappy Life.

Syracuse, N. Y., (Special.)-Louise Foste was murdered in the Collins Block by Ernst Heeht. Hecht first chloroformed her and then attempted to take his own ille. He confessed the crime, saying:

"She started it and I ended it. I saw her die and then attempted to kill myself." Mrs. Foster was found in her room by Mrs. Mary Wilbur, who lives in the block. Hecht was sitting in a chair in the room. Mrs. Wilbur saw that Mrs. Foster was dead.

A red rose lay upon her throat. Chloroform was the means used by Hecht to kill Mrs. Foster. The police found the following letter on

Hecht: "My sweetheart This is my first and las love letter to you. When you arrive here I will be ready for you. I will be all your own until you are ready to keep your prom-bee. Will ask but one thing of you: Do it well and quickly, and if there is a hereafter I will wait for you. We will go hand in hand to meet whatever the beyond holds

"My darling, you thought me cruel, but I was kind. If I had done as you wished, it would have been so much barder to have given it all up. I do not suffer. I have died a hundred deaths, but I am tired of the

struggle. Fate is stronger than I. "Take me in your arms; hold me close to your warm, loving heart, until mine grows cold. Let your love be the last thing that I will realize in this world, so that I can take it with me into the next. Your lips take my last breath only to give it back when we meet again, for meet we certainly will, be it in heaven or bell. I will go where you go.

but empty sounds. Be brave, for I will. Destroy this letter, for we must leave nothing behind for the world to gloat over. My darling, I kies you,'

Hecht said he committed the crime at A. M., and the woman died at 1.30.

He then took a dose of the poison, became Ill and lay down. He recovered shortly and made up his mind to blow his brains out with a revolver, but could not nerve himself

Hecht is a dyer and has been in the city only a few months. He is a rover and was rn in Austria. Mrs. Foster was the wife of Charles H. Foster, who was sent to Elmira Reformatory in October for forging his wife's name and obtaining jewelry from the Safe and Deposit Company.

Hecht called upon Dr. A. J. Campbell,

with a fellow workman. The man accom panying him said that Hecht had been talking of killing Mrs. Foster and himself, and wanted him examined as to his sanity Hecht complained of bad pains in his head and the physician prescribed a nerve rem-edy. The doctor said that Hecht appeared to be intelligent and sane,

## A RUSH DOWN GRADE.

Frightful Accident to a Work-Train-Killed and Others Badly Hurt.

Akron, O., (Special).—Three men were killed and a number of others seriously injured, as a result of an accident to a worktrain on the Akron and Cuyahoga Falls Rapid Transit (electric) Suburban Line.

The brakes on two cars loaded with gravel, and carrying about a dozen workmen, name disabled at the top of a steep grade The cars rushed down the incline at a terrible speed. Nine of the workmen jumped from the cars as they sped along and were seriously injured.

Three men stuck to the cars until they jumped the track at the bottom of the hill and were killed in the wreck William of Hesse Dead

Berlin, (By Cable.)—Prince William of Hesse, uncle of Grand Duke Ernest Louis,

Chicago, Ill., (Special.)—A special from Victoria, B C. says:

The steamer Kinshiu, which left Yokohama May 7, orings the latest advices of a cata-trophe on the Chinese coast in which 140 lives were lost. A Chinese steamer was wrecked, the disaster being due to the over crowding of the vessel,

Washington, (Special.)-Confirmations by

To be consuls-T. Haynes, of South Caro lina, at Rouen, France; E. E. Builey, of Illinois, at Ensenada, Mexico.

## Followed Friend's Example.

Reading, Pa., (Special.)-Ernest A. Beh ren, aged 35 years, a native of Hanover, Germany, committed suicide by taking poi-He was found in the City Park in a dying condition and expired before reach ing a hospital. Behren was a friend of Theodore Kolb, a German musician and composer, who also committed suicide a ek ago by taking polson.

He Drank Wood Alcohol.

Wheeling, W. Va., (Special.)—Hisha Church, a farmer, who lived two miles from Pennsboro, Bitchie county, died from the effects of drinking wood alcohol.

#### NEELY IN JAIL.

Rearrested on a Civil Warrant Issued by Uncle Sam To Recover a Balance Due.

New York, (Special.) - Charles F. W. Neels rmer chief financial agent of the postoffic lepartment at Havana, Cuba, was rearrested y a United States marshal. The arrest was nade on a warrant issued by United States breuit Judge Lacombe, in a civil suit against cely, by the United States. He is charged with the wrongful conversion of \$45,300,26. His ball was fixed at \$50,000. The arrest was made on information furnished by George H. Burton, and the order of arrest

was endorsed by Edward K. Jones, special attorney general, and Frederick P. Smith. The prisoner was taken to the United States marshal's office, and later was aralgned before Judge Lacombe. Counsel for the prisoner made application for a reduc tion of the bail, but it was denied.

was then taken to the Ludlow Street Jail.

Attached to the order is the affidavit of In ector Burton, who states that on April 24, 1900, he was ordered by Major General Wood o examine accounts and vouchers in the Department of Posts in Cuba. He examined accounts, and found irregularities that made it necessary for him to visit Neely's office. He saw a Mr. Reynolds in Neely's office, and this man, he asserts, held frequent whispered talks with his superior. After Neely learned his accounts were to be ex-

amined he left Havana on the steamship Mr. Burton further alleges that he learned from E. G. Hathbone, director of posts in Cuba, that Neely had gone to the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York. A cable dispatch was cent to Neely to return, but he paid no at-

ention to it.

Continuing, Colonel Burton says: "The duties of the chief of the Bureau of Finances harles F. Neely, were to collect all the rev nues derived from the postal department of he Island of Cuba, including the sale of stamped paper, box rents and the fees from the postal money-order business, and to de posit the same to the credit of the director of posts with the treasurer of the Island of Cuba, in Havana. In order to ascertain the amount of said revenues I demanded the cash book, ledger and the entire records of office from January 1 to April 30. Mr. Rich, in the presence of the director of posts, handed me a book which he stated was Mr. Neely's ledger, and also stated that the ledger was all the record that Neely had left pertaining to postal earnings, which statement Mr. Rathbone corroborated. The ledger con tained a statement of the receipts for stamp ed paper, box rents and some receipts from the fees of the money-order business from January 1, 1900, to April 30, 1900, with the exception of the receipts of the Havana postoffice from March 15, 1900, to April 37, 900, of which there was no record, Rich if he had in the office any postal earnings not yet deposited, and he answered in the negative, but stated that he had receipts of May 1 and 2, 1990, that he had collected \$5,000 since Neely's departure, which money he produced. Rich also stated that all the noneys received by Neely had been deposited with the treasurer of the Island of Cuba before April 30."

Mr. Burton then goes into details, and hows that the difference between Neely' receipts and deposits was \$45,30J.26.

#### NOTE TO PORTE.

Griscom Again Probes Sick Man of th East-Not an Ultimatum.

Constantinople, (By Cable.)-The United itates Legation having vainly waited four weeks for a reply to the note of April 24, regarding the American indemnity claims Mr. Lloyd C. Griscom, United States Charge d'Affaires, handed to Tewfik Pasha, Minister of Foreign Affairs, a new note, couched in more precise terms and insisting upon a prompt settlement.

The note produced a great impression, a the Porte thought the matter postponed, if not abandoned. It is believed that the United States will not wait so long this time for an answer, American indulgence thus far not having made a satisfactory impression

Not Denied in Washington.

Washington, (Special.)—Beyond the state-ment that the department is still earnestly he Turkish government the officials of the State Department decline to indicate the character of the last instructions sent to Tharge Griscom in relation to these clair It is certainly not an ultimatum, but it is pelieved to be as strong in its representa tions as a diplomatic note could be made without actually becoming an uitimatum. It is probable that before taking this step the President might call upon Congress, th war-making power, for an indication of its wish in the matter, so as to ensure full support in the execution of any policy which he may feel called upon to adopt.

The fact that this last note to Mr. Griscon was cabled the very day that Ahmed Pasha landed in New York, reputedly clothed with some mission in connection with these missionary claims, has given rise to a belief here that the United States government will not give its sanction to any such compromise of the claims as has been suggested

Hanged for Killing His Sweetheart. Allentown, Pa., (Special.) - Frank Erause was hanged in the county jail for the murder of his sweetheart, Maggie Guth, at Cedarville, on March 3, 1899, on which oc sion he also fatally wounded Owen Kern. Krause was hostler in a hotel kept by Kern,

# and the girl was employed as a servant.

Hanover, Pa., (Special.)-John F. Dez erg, a Western Maryland Railroad brakeman, met death in a peculiar accident at pring Grove, near here. Two cars in charge of the unfortunate man were run on aswitch over the coal chutes at the paper mills. So great was their momentum that they tore away the buffers at the end of the trestle, tearing into the walls of the mill and completely wrecking the tresti-

# Mules for Fouth Africa.

New Orleans, (Special.) -The steame Monarch satied for Cape Town, Africa, with 1,500 mules, and the steamer Corinthia leared for the same port with 1,450 mules all the animals being consigned to British army officials.

Arm Torn Off.

Hambleton, W. Va., (Special).-Thomas Williams, aged 62 years, employed by Otter Creek Lumber Company, while taking his coat off to go to work, had his right arm caught in the live rollers, and it was torn off just below the elbow. Physicians amputated the arm above the elbow.

## Drug Store Wrecked.

Chiengo, (Special.)-A terrific explosion at 4 P. M. wreeked the third and fourth floors of the Dale & Semplii drug store in the heart of the business district here and seriously injured three men.

## Judge Advocate to Porto Rico

Albany, N. Y., Special.) - It is understood ere on excellent authority that President McKinley has offered to Charles T. Saxton formerly lieutenant governor of the state and at present judge of the Court of Claims, the position of Judge advocate of the Island of Porto Rico. He will probably accept.

The Cuban Flag at Paris. Washington, (Special.)—President McKin-iey has received the following cablegram,

dated Manzanillo, Cuba: "The City Council applauds the noble course taken by your government in hoisting the Cuban fing at Paris/ (Signed)

#### THE NEWS.

Culcago police state that one of two mer argested in Leipsic, Germany, charged with stealing gems valued at \$15,000, is Charles Woodward, with many atlases, known as the "diamond swallower," who, in his no-torious career, has stolen half a million dol-

lars' worth of diamonds. It was reported that the Kentucky Demo rats had planned to kidnap in Indiana and take to Kentucky a witness very important in the (lockel assassination case,

Three bank burglars dynamited the South Berwick (Me.) National Bank, but were frightened off by a whistle blown by woman to attract the police.

Rev. C. W. McCully, acting pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Holyoke, Mass, was dismissed after baving confessed indulging in dissipations.

James Fitzherris and Joseph Mullett, the Irish Invincibles who arrived in New York after being released from an Irish prison were ordered to be deported.

The New York City Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution decorated the graves of the Revolutionary soldiers lying in Trin-

ity Graveyard. Elaborate arrangements have been made Louisville for the annual reunion of the inited Confederate Veterans.

The Probate Court in Milwaukee dissolved an injunction issued to prevent Mrs. Mina Olsen from marrying. Eddie Teabout died in Bridgeport, Conn., rum the effects of a blow received in the

Mr. Arthur Reban, a brother of Miss Ada Schan, died in Brooklyn,

Ernest Hecht admitted, in Syracuse, N. Y. hat he chieroformed Mrs. Louise Foster with her consent and was to commit suicide but his nerve failed him. Mrs. Henrietta Tucker, wife of ex-Con-

ressman Harry St. George Tucker, died at Lexington, Va., after being operated on for appendicitis.

The Ingrain Carpet Loom Fixers and Weavers Union decided not to insist upon their recently-made demand in Philadelphia for an increase. Signor Giuseppi del Puente, the widely known baritone, died suddenly at his home

in Philadelphia. Death was due to apop

Walter Lovett, a mulatto of eighteen, was arrested at Chambersburg on the charge o ommitting a number of burglaries.

Three men were killed and others injured n an accident to a work train in Akron, O. A fire of incendiary origin destroyed 13 uildings in York.

The labor unions of St. Louis are showing heir sympathy for the striking street-car men by contributing to their support and fining members for riding on the cars. A movement was recommended in the Southern General Assembly of the Presby-

terian Church to raise a twentieth-century fund of \$1,000,000 for the endowment of ducational institutions. President Frick, of the Norfolk and Wes ern, countermanded an order for five hun-

dred new cars, on account of the high prices demanded for materials. Robbers dynamited the Peninsular Bank at Williamsburg, Va., and got away with about \$5,000 in cash and securities and

other valuables. Three Japanese children were taken into custody by the Gerry Society in New York on suspicion that they had been kidnapped. Miss Maryette Brittle was sent to the grand jury in Richmond, Va., for robbing W. E. Tinsley, of Petersburg.

Harry Fix shot at a catamount at Nerlah Church neighborhood, in Virginia, and seri-ously wounded Samuel Tyler.

Stephen Baptist was sentenced in Mecklenburg county, Va., to be hanged for the mur der of old Peter Jones. Four fishermen were drowned during the gale that suddenly sprang up on the Oregon

coast. Risha Church, a farmer of Ritchie county W. Va., died from drinking wood alcohol D. B. Dyer, president of the Augusta (Gs., Railway and Electric Company, and E. C. Jefferson, a conductor, were arrested for

violation of the Jim Crow law.

The Associated Press secured a charter in New York, the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Illinois making domicile in that Monsignor Sharretti petitioned against the

ontinuance of General Brooks' decree requiring a civil ceremony to make marriages Twenty-two miners-ten whites and twelve

egroes—were killed by a mine explosion at Cumnock, N. C. The Methodist Episcopal General Confer-

nce at Chicago voted to abolish the time limit on pastorates. Neely's shortage, according to an estimate prosecuting attorney, may be as much

B5 \$400,000. The Wheeling and Bridge Terminal Rail road Company went to foreclosure sale, and was bought by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of New York, for \$1,515,000. It is stated on reliable

authority that the purchase was in the interests of the Pennsylvania. Announcement has been made that the Pennsylvania Ratiroad has secured control of the Lehigh Valley Ratiroad by the purchase of 66,600 shares through outside par-The price paid is given as \$32,50

share. A monument to Father Ryan, the poet of to break the Confederacy, was unveiled at Norfolk as Kumassi, part of the exercises of Confederate Mem-orial Day. The monument is a rough gran-

ite cross seven feet bigh. erew. The passengers were badly shaken The rising is still spreading.

up, but none were injured. Charles F. W. Neely was re-arrested in New York on a warrant in a civil suit by the United States, charged with wrongful con-

version of \$45,300.20. The engineer-in-chief of the Turkish Navy s expected at Newport News to look after onstruction of the cruisers for the Tur-

kish Navy. Several large tobacco warehouses wer burned in Danville, Va. Nearly a million pounds of choice leaf, valued at \$115,000,

were esssumed, Dr. J. W. Hamilton and D. H. Moore were elected bishops by the Methodist Episcopal General Conference at Chicago.

A planing mill owned and operated by Mrs. Fannie Clark was burned in Peters-burg. Loss, \$7,000. Insurance, 5,000. Two Genesce street cars, loaded with pas

sengers, jumped the track in Buffalo, Twenty persons were injured. Mormon elders are doing missionary work in Winchester, with little result.

Two companies of Philippine Insurgen! have surrendered voluntarily. Former Senator Hill, of Colorado, is dead

The Senate passed the Postoffice Appropriation bill and refused to pass the resoluon admitting tue Boer peace envoys to the courtesies of the floor.

The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania de cided that the bank paying a check with a forged endorsement must stand the loss, Four hundred and twenty-one linemen of the Bell Telephone Company in Cleveland The House passed the Eight-hour bill and the bill prohibiting interstate traffic in

prison-made goods. Fritz Meyer, who killed Policeman Smith in New York, was electrocuted at Sing Sing. Two men were lost from the British bark Alert during a squall in Delaware Bay. Senstor Matthew Quay has announ-himself to be a candidate for re-election.

The banking-house of Nielsen & Co.,

THE PASSION PLAY.

ANTON LANG, AS CHRIST, OVER-COME BY NERVOUSNESS.

## GRAND SCENIC EFFECTS.

The New Impersonator Goes Through the Crucifixion Scene With Perfect Self-Possession Johann Zivink, as Judas a Great Improvement Over His Prede cessor in the Role.

Oberammergau, (By Cable.)—The initial performance of the Passion piay, following the grand rehearsal of Sunday, took place Thursday. The attendance was enormous despite the fact that the day was cold, cloudy and generally unfavorable. The representation as a whole, according to the opinion of mpetent judges, surpasses that of 1890. Herr Joseph Mayer, who recited the proogue, was, as on previous occasions, a ma stic figure.

Herr Anton Lang, as Christ, was excellent although nervous. His voice is clear and his face seems to fit the character, although not so refined as the face of Mayer, who was so long the Christ of these representations Lang, however, showed improvement as the performance progressed, his gestures being particularly graceful. During the Bethany ene a weird effect was produced by the sun breaking suddenly from the clouds and asting a brilliant beam on Christ's robe. Fraulein Anna Flunger, the Mary of the

representation, has a fine, well-rounded face and is a good actress, but she lacks the pathos that Rosa Lang was wont to display. The player now taking the part of Judas Johann Zwink, is very fine a vast improve ment upon his predecessor in the role the other hand, Thomas Rendt, the Peter of the east, scarcely equals Hett's portrayal Fraulein Bertha Wolff, as Mary Magdalene is striking in appearance, and made a pro found impression. Sebastian Lang, as Cal-aphas, realized the ideal impersonation of that releutless priest, Fraulein Mathilde Rutz, the soprano, was greatly admired and young Boold shows decided promise.

During the afternoon performance Herr Auton Lang was repeatedly overcome by nervousness, but he went through the cruci fixion scene with perfect self-possession, and the memorable seven words of the Saviour could be distinctly heard by the vast concurse. During the taking down of the Christ from the cross the sharp whistling of a locomotive jarred unpleasantly upon the cenic effects throughout were

CHARGES OF EXTRAVAGANCE.

American Officials in Cuba Enter Protest

-Unjustly Criticised. Havana, (Special.) - American officials here feel that they have been unjustly treated by certain newspapers in the United States, which have published the sweeping state-ment that they all live extravagantly. Army officers point out that if they have to live in cities their expenses are much greater than when at home. Moreover, very few care to risk the health of their familles by keeping them in Cuba during the summer. Thus two establishments are necessary. As their duty compels them to remain in a troptcal climate they feel that the United States government, like other governments under similar condiions, should pay additional stipends.

So far as the officers of high rank are con cerned, it should be pointed out that General Wood occupies only a small portion of the palace for residential purposes, the rest of the building being utilized not only for the divisional offices, but also for all the munici-pal offices. A number of employes have to kept at General Wood's ex pense-cleaners and helpers generally-and he says that if he did not have some private resources to eke out his pay and his allowance it would be pext to impossible for him to live in the Collector Bliss lives quietly in a single

room at the Hotel Telegrafo, going to and returning from his office in a bired vehicle of the most ordinary description. Major Ladd, chief quartermaster, lives at El Vedado, in a bouse which he shares with three other families. General Lee lives at headquarters at Quemadas, where do all his staff son, governor of Mantanzas-Santa Clara lives in a house for which he pays a small rental. Colonel Whitside, at Santiago, lives in a little wooden bungalow, formerly occupled by General Wood and leased from Mrs. Ramsden, wife of the former British consul, General Humphrey, Colonel Black, Major Scott, Captain Pilcher and many other offieers live in buildings used by the govern-

ment either as offices or police barracks. General Wood, when asked what he thought of such charges, replied that he considered charges of extravagance in departments, except the postal, unfounded, adding that he believed no other department had anything to fear on that score and that all could endure the closest investigation possible.

## BIG BATTLE ON GOLD COAST.

Many are Killed on Both Sides

Kumassi. Accrs, (By Cable),—It is reported that three European officers were killed and aptain Aplin and 100 Hausers were wounded in a recent effort by the Lagos Hausers to break the investing lines of tribesmen at

The Ashanti less is reported to have been great, as the Hausers had three Maxims engaged, although themselves greatly out The Norfolk-bound Old Point express ran numbered. Three hundred Asbantis are into an open switch, injuring the train said to have been killed in a previous action.

## WAITED 71 YEARS TO WED.

Party Att Over 60 Years.

Toledo, O., (Special, )--- August Croft, aged years, and Miss Kate Putnum, aged 88 vere married at South Bioomfield. The wedding party was a large one, but

o one whose age was less than 60 years was At the age of 15 and 17 they were devoted overs, but they did not become formally engaged until January 8, 1900. Neither the bride nor groom-to-be has ever married.

Sentenced to Be Hanged.

Wheeling, W. Va., (Special).—In the Cir-mit Court, Judge Hughes sentenced John Mooney and Frank Friday to be hanged at the State penitentiary, at Moundsville, on July 13. Mooney and Friday, on March 1 last, while attempting to rob the home of James Hervey, shot and killed him. They were convicted on circumstantial evidence.

Want an Explanation. Pekin, (By Cable.)-The diplomatic corp-

as decided to ask the Tsung-Li-Yamer Chinese Foreign Office) to define explicitly he measures which the government intends to take in dealing with "Boxers." Revolver Duel Between Brothers.

Huntington, W. Va., (Special.)—Guy Harris and Meredith Holten, brother-in-laws living on Wilsons Creek, Wayne county, have cen enemies for several months. n the public highway, and a fight ensued, both using revolvers. Each is dangerously injured, Holten being shot in the head, and Harris in the back. The latter will proba

Killed White Sawing Wood. Charlotte, N. C., (Special.)—Brother Andrew, of St. Mary's College at Belmont, N. C., was instantly killed while sawing wood with a circular saw. The saw burst and almost severed his body.

KEYSTONE STATE.

LATEST NEWS GLEANED FROM VAR: \*

## **EVADED RAIDS 20 YEARS**

Bill" Pritts, Long Sought as an Alleger Moonshiner, is Finally Captured Accused of Murder in 1890. Was Surprised at the Home of a Friend in the Payette County Mountains-Other News.

"Bill" Pritts, aged 63 years, who has vaded the raids of revenue officers during the past twenty years, and against whom are pending charges of murder and moonshinng, was captured by two Government officers at Connellsville, who, single-handed, made a swift descent upon their man and carried him off to prison out of a region filled with his sympathizers. Pritts lodged in the borough prison. He is wanted for the shooting of "Yoney" Hostettler, whom he is accused of having killed because Hostettler divulged the secrets of the illegal distillers. Pritts' two sons are also in the oils of the law, having been tried at Pitts burg recently on the charge of moonshining The jury disagreed, and the boys will be tried again in October. Pritts was captured In the wilds of the Chestnut Ridge. The capture was made by County Detective Alexander McBeth and Revenue Officer Dickson of Phtsburg. The officers learned that Pritts had gone from his home to that o John Trinkey, four miles across the moun-tains. Thither the officers went. When near the house they suddenly came across Pritts sitting on the edge of a field. He ran about half a mile before the officers caught up to bim. The officers threw him down and b main strength put handcuffs on him. Pritts still was found one mile from his house when his sons were arrested some months ago. Snake in the Red.

the covers to find colled up in the center of the bed a two-foot pilot snake. Mrs. Kilroy's screams aroused the neighbors, many o whom entered the house. The snake was pulled from the bed with a garden rake and killed by a few well-directed blows. Mrs. Kilroy has been prostrated by the shock.

About 10 o'clock, when Mr. and Mrs. John

E. Kilroy, of Lambertville, were about to re-

tire, they were horrifled upon turning down

Died at Prayer Meeting. Mrs. Louise Schuyler, widow of Dr. Jacob Schuyler, died suddenly while attending a prayer meeting at the Market Street Presby terian Church, Bloomsburg. Mrs. Schuyler had been in apparently good health and was thought at first to have fainted. A physician was hastily summoned, who found her dead

upon his arrival.

Killed by Blow of Jack Handle. Vincent Topper, of Hanover, a section hand on the Pennsylvania Railroad, endeavored to lift the track with a jack, when a cog slipped, causing the handle of the jack to strike him on the side of the head with terrifle force, knocking him senseless. He died before he could receive medical atten-

Naked Lamps Caused Explosion.

By an explosion of gas in the Cayungs mine of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company, three men were so badly injured that they will probably die. The injured men are Benjamin Amos, Adam Miller and Rolas Poncaw, all of them married. The men encountered a body of gas which was ignited by their naked lamps.

Monument to Gridley. A committee of citizens is engaged in rais-ing a fund for the erection of a monument in

Lake Side Cemetery, Erie, in honor of Cap

tain Charles V. Gridley, commander of the flagship Olympia, in the battle of Manila

Bay. J. F. Lowning is chairman of the committee, and will duly acknowledge the receipt of contributions. Tot Rolled Down Precipice. Foster, the 2-year-old son of Michael Rowe at the Cornwall ore banks, strayed from home alone and rolled down the almost perpendicular side of the "Johnson cut," in the middle hill, a distance of fully 125 feet. The oy escaped injury, except slight wounds on the head and back. There the child lay all night, but he was bright and laughing when

the father discovered him behind a big rock. In Brief.

Sparks from a mill at Rankin set fire to car in a passing freight train on the Balti-more and Ohio Railroad. The car was burned and nineteen head of cattle which it con tained perished.

County Treasuree T. S. Nevin, of Cham bersburg, received \$22.50 conscience money sent to him by a person who said it was county tax due on an estate which had never been properly returned for taxation The York County Pomona Grange, Patron of Husbandry, at Grangeville, instructed

Senator Haines to request President McKin-ley to retain United States District Attorney Beck in office. The commencement exercises of the Mil ford High School were held. The graduating class was composed of Jennie Struthers valedictorian; Harriet Horton, salutatorian

Dora Rochotte, historian; Meda Boyd, poe W. F. Herring, a lumber dealer and cor tra tor at Tyronville, was arrested on charge of forgery preferred by F. De Hyde of the Second National Bank. Herricg was placed under \$1600 batt

## CYCLING NOTES.

There are no violent innovations in the odels for wheels this year. Several of the railroads have introduced develocars, and according to the railroad men they are giving excellent satisfac-

Edouard Taylore, the French champion, oas defeated Harry Elkes, the American ider, in a fifty-mile bloycle match at Antwerp, Belgium. It seems as though the "broken glass"

nuisance has again become epidemic in New York City, and a number of com-plaints have been made recently because The Canadian Wheelmen's Association

has come to the conclusion that it does not desire to contest with the new Canadian Cyclists' Association for the control of cycle sport in Canada. A new wheel is being introduced with a truss or double fork. It is a decided novelty in the line of bicycle construction. It is claimed by the investor that the new device, by reducing friction, gives increased speed.

The membership of the League of American wheelmen, from latest official reports, was 31,667. Four years ago, when the controversy began in the organization over the control of racing, there was a membership of more than 100,600.

One of the oddest uses to which bicycles have been put this year is mounting a corps of detectives upon them. A bodyguard of six detectives have been following the carriage of Queen Victoria on bicycles to guard her against any possible attack. One of the most annoying things a rider has to contend with is when a nut shakes loose from a boit for no conceivable reason, Remove the nut and boit and thoroughly clean them. A little powdered resin sprinkled inside the nut and on the thread or worm of the boit, or where necessary, a piece of thread bound around the worm and the boit will remedy the trouble.

A Western genius has devised a scheme for infallibly detecting the point of puncture in deflated automobile and bloycle tires. An ammoniacal solution is forced through the valve, and a chemically-prepared white cloth is passed over the outer surface of the tire. When the cloth passes over the puncture the escaping ether of the ammonia causes the cloth to turn blue at that point—and there you are,

CURIOUS FACTS.

At the battle of Hastings (A. D. 1066), the weapons being swords and battle axes, 500 fell fatally wounded out of every 1000 soldiers.

The difference between the tallest and shortest races in the world is I foot 41 inches, and the average height is 5 feet 5! inches.

On November 8, 1899, Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, was for a time overwhelmed with red dust, and presently a light shower of red rain fell. Of course the Government astronomer was immediately interviewed for publication. 'In the early days of Rome," he said, "this red rain was regarded as a terrible thing. I find that there are only sixty-nine cases of red rain recorded. The first historic instance occurred fourteen years after the foundation of Rome, in 738 B. C."

The antopsy held by Coroner's Physician Morton on the body of James H. Coleman in Philadelphia, revealed a most peculiar anatomical construction, so far as the internal organs are concerned, for they are located on the opposite side from where they are situated in other human beings. Morton said that it was a most remarkable case. Coleman's heart is on the right side, his liver is on the left, his spleen is on the right, and that part of his stomach that should be on the left side is on the right. The organs thus situated on the reverse side of where they should be were of the normal size, the physician said, except that the liver was somewhat large. He was thirty-six years old, of medium height, married, and the father of a

It may be difficult to believe in the existence of a lake of sulphuric acid, but there is such a lake in the centre of Sulphur Island, off New Zealand. It is fifty acres in extent, about twelve feet in depth and fifteen feet above the level of the sea. The most remarkable characteristic of this lake, however, is that the water contains vast quantities of hydrochloric and sulphuric acids, hissing and bubbling a temperature of 110 degrees Fahrenheit. The dark green colored water looks particularly uninviting. Dense clouds of sulphuric fumes constantly roll off this boiling caldron, and care has to be exercised in approaching this lake to avoid the risk of suffocation.

A rare nervous disease is being investigated by the French Academy of Medicine, to which the present case has been reported by Dr. Marinesco, of Bucharest. The patient, a young Roumanian, is given to what is known among savants as "mirror-writing." That is, the letters which he naturally forms with his pen are all written backward, so that they appear in their proper arrangement only when re-flected in a mirror. The hands of the patient when unoccupied are affected with a nervous trembling which generally ceases when they are used to a definite purpose. The writing is perfectly accurate, and it appears impossible for the sufferer to do any other kind. Although cases of partial mirror-writing have been observed before, the present is said to be by far

the most perfect. The Origin of Confectionery.

The modern confectionery business is a very large one, and it is of old standing. If we wished to trace it to its origin we might have to go back not far short of five hundred years. It is about five centuries since sugar was first imported into this country, and it is probably not much less than that since "confections" began to be concocted. They first appeared in a medical form. Apothecaries, whose potions were at one time very generally supposed to be efficacious just in proportion as they were horribly nasty, took to the newly imported sugar as a means of mitigating the nauseousness of their doses. They mixed their drugs with it and coated their boluses. That seems to have been the origin of the syrups and medicated candies, the cough drops and lozenges of one sort and another that are now so largely in demand. They were originally concocted by the doctors, and for many long years all sorts of "lolli-

people were too poor to permit of its being eaten for its own sake alone and as a mere luxury. Somewhere about a couple of centuries ago, however, there began to appear a new development of the apothecary's art. "Confections" began to be made more or less apart from any medicinal purpose, and merely because people liked them. The confectioner's business began to evolve as an offshoot from the profession of the apothecary, and eventually became altogether a separate thing, though the common origin of the two is still indicated by the syrups and pastilles and troches prescribed by the doctors, and the "drops" and lozenges and other things sold among the sweet stuff of the confectioner .-Chambers's Journal.

pops" were medicinal only.

was too dear and the generality of

The Best Policy Put to the Test. A certain woman, who is fond of seeing her smart frocks described in the "society columns," advertised for a servant the other day. Among the applicants was a neat, prepossessing young person, armed with references. Among the former employers whose names she gave was Mme. O'Flaherty, the modiste, for whom she had worked as "confidential maid." The woman of many frocks sent a note to the great gown builder, in which she said: "Is Suzanne Binet, who says she has been your employ, honest?" Mme. O'Flaherty's reply was brief and te the point: "Suzanne was in my employ; as to her honesty I am not certain. I have sent her to you with my bill half a dozen times, but she has never yet given me the money."-New York Commercial Advertiser.

Presidents Who Were Masons

Seven Presidents of the United States were members of the Masonic fraternity-Washington, Jackson, Polk, Buchanan, Johnson, Garfield and McKinley. Washington was Mas-ter of his lodge at Alexandria, Va., Jackson was at one time Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and Buchanan was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

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The best way to clean of

HOUSEHOLD MATTER

To Clean Silve.

umbrellas and storm-coals is two parts of turpentine, the of linseed-oil, and one part of litharge. Mix these ingregether thoroughly, and boils bath, that is, in a vessel to boiling water, the same as the maker melts his glue. What nish is thoroughly boiled soil part is dissolved remove it stove and apply with a brawarm. It should be painted article to be varnished with a care as if it was paint. If it brella, open it wide, and warnish smoothly. After the a second coat may be as needed. When the varnish it will not be stiff and cracks, show great elasticity. This can be employed in a great a

ways.

The Dining-Room, Every dining-room should rug. The quality of this m however, vary with the m power of the individual. ought to be remembered.

must not be so thin that it with every chair that is day it, nor so thick that no chair drawn at all. The rug may be a bare floor, a carpet, a fill matting. Rugs made of piece peting with a border are need ble in really beautiful disag-and are only to be consider questions of economy have to it must not be understood by these rugs are in bad taste is ply that they are a coaler weakness, as it were-ofther of using something which as sometimes tells you, "thought is exactly as good as the other of every kind are manufact day. The housekeeper his take the dimensions of her me what price she can afford in then choose the best that an

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at you, and make a most us effect.—Harper's Bazar. "Floral Bower" Belman The flower room has notice done apparently, for the into the art decorators has been sorely to find some novely duce into the bowery nockris they have created a densil tistic papers and painted is When the flower-room selm came into being roses, lorger and chrysanthemums were in flowers. Then original make favorite flowers and indepen mas ordered their dressay bureaus, etc., of white eans birch or bird's-eye maple, to orated with sprays of his bunches of violets, clusters flowers, daisies, buttercup, delions, and one woman had white wood painted with a orchids. Pond lilies made another set of white bedroo ture, and scarlet poppies pile a background of curly birds brilliant showing for a tool woodwork and hangings were

soft green. Wall paper, floor covering, hangings, chintz and cretoner ture coverings can the same colors and designs artistic days. In any case the repeated in all the "fitting" pretty room. Dimity of white colored flowers are t for cottage windows, and evil skill with which they are made age to look quaint without be ish or too highly colored.

Plain Cake—Cream togeth eggs, two heaping tablespoor butter and one and one-half of sugar, then add one cupilly water and two teaspoonfuls of powder, sifted in with three of flour. Peanut Cake-Delicious cakes may be made by roush rolling a cupful of peanuts a

ing one cup of butter and cup of sugar, three cups of three eggs that have been we Make this into small cakes a till they take a light brows Cabbage Salad-Chop out cabbage fine. Put it in \* sprinkle with salt and pepper one egg thoroughly and add it cup of boiling vinegal tablespoonfuls of mustard is

in a little cold vinegar and sh

boiling vinegar, together ville piece of butter and one to each of pepper and sugar, over the cabbage while hot. Piquant Salad - Wash and head of lettuce, crisp and bunch of cress, and haverest two bunches of green onk on individual plates a beld the onions in very thin in drop between the lettuce as A few slices of radishes may if liked. Just before serving spoonful of rice salad dress.

center of each dish. Pumpkin Pudding-Sterl kin until tender and rather it perfectly smooth. To s pumpkin add one-half ponds a saltspoon of salt, a tablest butter, one pint of milk, the yolks of two eggs and a s poonful of cinnamon. Mit add the stiffly beaten cgs sis beat thoroughly. Turn into ding dish and bake in a sis hot oven. It may be sens with or without honey-crean whippend error. whipped cream.

Pomme Retis au Hosse well sufficient hot, freshly a tatoes, add one (or two teaspoon of good butter, see ogge and salt and pepper shape them in a small transfer to a buttered dish, a knifeshlade easily has Pomme Retis au Hots n knife-blade easily had small depressions regularly the sorosis of the pines, grate cheese over it, drop ter from the top and bake oven a delicate color.