

THE MIDDLEBURGH POST.

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The War Department asks \$500 this year for "experimental cooking."

The royal families of Europe are more closely connected by ties of kindred and marriage now than ever before.

The Japanese have 100 National banks, with an aggregate capital of \$35,000,000. Of these sixty-nine paid, in 1890, dividends of ten to twenty per cent.

Cholera, according to Dr. Ernest Hart, of the British Medical Science, will become extinct within the next thirty years, owing to the advance of sanitary science.

Colonel John T. Crisp, Chairman of the Missouri State Fish Commission, says that the amount of money sent out of the State annually for fish that could be easily raised in the streams of Missouri runs into the millions.

The novel idea of a grand transcontinental boulevard as evolved by Dr. John T. Nagle, of New York City, is one that the Detroit Free Press feels should not be rejected without consideration.

The colored people of the South are making great educational progress and the facilities for such development now available for them are large and are increasing greatly.

The South 150 schools for the advanced education of colored people, and seven colleges with colored Presidents and colored faculties.

The proposed expedition to the Antarctic regions will awaken worldwide interest, remarks the New York Press. It is half a century since the Southern polar regions were explored.

As made up from the news returns of the year by the Chicago Tribune, the number of legal executions of the death sentence in 1893 was 126, as compared with 107 in 1892, 123 in 1891 and 102 in 1890.

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SEVERE WESTERN WEATHER.

THE COUNTRY AT THE MERCY OF THE ELEMENTS.

At least 20 Persons Frozen to Death in Oklahoma Territory.

It has been many years since the West has experienced such a blizzard as raged without intermission Sunday and Monday. The snowfall was very heavy and huge drifts completed the work of blocking travel on all railroads.

WICHITA, Kan.—The worst blizzard that this section of Kansas has experienced in many years, commenced Sunday morning and by night was 15 inches deep. All trains with the exception of the Rock Island have been abandoned.

HESSLEY, O. T.—A terrible blizzard, never before equaled in this part of the country, struck Oklahoma Sunday. In some places on the railroad tracks, the snow is 15 feet deep and traffic has been entirely abandoned.

OTTUMBA, O. T.—A terrible blizzard struck this territory early Sunday morning. Reports of death and suffering come in from all parts of the territory.

Word comes from Cross that Sherman Stone and family consisting of wife and five children were found sitting about a stove with their throats cut from ear to ear.

Word all gone. Mollie frozen to death, the rest of us freezing. I have killed my family and now kill myself to prevent further suffering.

CHICAGO—Chicago was visited Monday by the heaviest snowstorm ever experienced in the city. The wind was strong and cold, but along toward 4 o'clock in the morning it suddenly increased in force and an hour later a small cyclone was on the city.

One woman was caught by the storm and dashed against a water pipe and two others were killed. One Jackson street, near Michigan avenue, a man was knocked down by the wind and his overcoat spreading to the gate and acting as a sail, he was carried along the smooth pavement for several yards.

The lake was like the sea in a tempest. The gale from the northwest piled the water in tremendous waves on the shore. The hillsides along the breakers and piers along the south shore the spray was carried inland hundreds of feet and fell in drenching showers on the Illinois Central cars.

In the central district of the city the storm was at its worst. The gale swept from north to east with a terrific velocity. The streets between the big business blocks became paths for the tempest. The storm seemed to be coming from all directions at once and no matter whether one walked north, south, east or west the wind and snow were against him.

On the lake front the storm had full play. The lake was overhung with a dense white cloud of driving snow. Down Michigan boulevard the hurricane sped without hindrance. Every movable object was dashed to pieces. Horses were hurled at the low vehicles that were abroad. Locomotion on foot was almost impossible.

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Good Prices Realized in a \$500,000 Sale of Imported Fabrics. The largest sale of silk goods ever held in New York City began Wednesday. The drygoods trade of the country was strongly represented.

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FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

Summarized Proceedings of Our Law-Makers at Washington.

SENATE—The House bill to repeal the Federal Election laws was debated in the Senate during most of the session.

HOUSE—The entire day in the House was given to a discussion of the Hawaiian resolution.

SENATE—Although it had been the purpose of the Senate to have a vote on the passing of the bill to repeal the Federal election laws taken at 4 p. m. today, it became necessary to postpone the close of the general debate until 3 p. m. tomorrow.

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TICKINGS OF THE TELEGRAPH.

FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.

What is Transpiring the World Over. Important Events Briefly Told.

Washington News. The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Thomas Moonlight of Kansas to be minister to Bolivia.

Senator Allen has introduced a bill repealing all laws which have been enacted relating to the coinage or use of silver since January 1, 1873, and to re-enact all laws relating to silver and in force previous to that by authorizing and directing the issue of United States legal tender notes and to prohibit the further issue of United States interest bearing bonds.

A deficiency appropriation of \$400,000 for the expenses of the United States courts, which has been asked by the Attorney General, is being considered by the House Appropriation Committee and will probably be granted.

A fund of \$700,000 in the United States Treasury will be kept there by the House Appropriation Committee for the purpose of fighting cholera next year.

There are not enough men enlisted in the navy to properly man the United States ships which go into commission before the 1st of May. Nearly 800 men are needed and Congress will be asked to grant additional authority.

The tenth annual convention of the Master Painters and Decorators' association of the country is in session at Baltimore, Md.

The Hollow Cable Manufacturing Company, of Hornellsville, N. Y., has resumed work after a long idleness.

The conductors and guards of the South side alley "L" road, in Chicago, have accepted a reduction of 10 per cent.

The Riverside blast furnace at Wheeling and the Jefferson Iron Works, at Mingo, O., have resumed work, employing 500 men.

The Rockland Silk Mill one of the largest in the country, and the Preston Brick Company at Hornellsville, N. Y., have resumed work.

Inability to make collections caused Isaac Tinney, the oldest merchant tailor in Youngstown, O., to make an assignment. No statement has been given out.

M. L. Lazarowitz, dry goods dealer at Youngstown, O., made an assignment. He claims assets of \$20,000 and liabilities of \$9,000.

Executions aggregating about \$8,000 were issued at Indiana, Pa., against E. J. Milden and the Black Lick Manufacturing Company, operating fire brick works at Black Lick. This throws several hundred men out of work.

Two girls, Chrisa Duhrer and Maggie Sanford, put two burglars to flight at St. Louis after a bloody fight. One of the burglars was shot, both girls were injured.

LATER NEWS.

CAPITAL AND LABOR.

The contract for building the Southern Pacific Railroad bridge over the Mississippi at New Orleans has been awarded to the Phoenixville, Pa., Bridge Company at the cost of \$5,000,000.

The Bear Spring Iron Furnace, in Stewart county, Tenn., will resume giving employment to 300 men.

For the first time in many years Bear Spring iron furnace at Clarksville, Tenn., will be put in operation next week. Employment will be given to 300 men and 100 tons of pig will be the daily output.

The Ohio coal miners in the Hocking Valley have agreed to accept a reduction of 50 cents per ton.

The polders of the Stewart Iron Works, in Sharon, Pa., have refused a proposition to be given one month's work on half time if they would work strong iron at the same price as soft iron.

John W. Love, cashier of the First National Bank at Watkins, N. Y., has gone to parts unknown with \$53,000 belonging to the bank.

A wild-eyed Anarchistic Frenchwoman attempted to shoot two clerks in the counting room of the St. Louis Post Dispatch. She was overpowered and landed in prison.

Seven colored prisoners were given from 10 to 40 lashes at the public whipping post in the jail at Wilmington, Del., Saturday. Over 1,000 persons viewed the punishment.

The Duluth, Minn., Board of Trade building burned down. Loss \$94,000; insured for \$80,000.

Colt's greener manufacturing works at Hartford, Conn., was partially destroyed by fire, involving a loss of nearly \$250,000. Insured for \$200,000.

N. B. Oakley, a New York veterinary surgeon, by mistake served friends with scotch instead of whisky and also took a drink himself. As a result P. H. Tracey is dead and Mr. Oakley and Frederick Woods will die.

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AN OLD SEA HERO SINKS.

THE VETERAN WARSHIP KEARSARGE GOES TO THE BOTTOM.

She Strikes the Roncoador Reef and is Lost. The Ship that Sunk the Rebel War Vessel. Alabama During the Rebellion.

The most famous ship of the naval service, the old corvette Kearsarge, has gone to the bottom. Secretary Herbert has received a brief cable message from Lieut. Frederick Brainard, of the vessel, dated Colon as follows:

"Kearsarge sailed from Port Au Prince, Haiti, January 30, for Bluefields, Nicaragua, and was wrecked on Roncoador reef, February 2. The officers and crew are safe."

Kearsarge was ordered on January 27 to Bluefields, Nicaragua, on a mission that were alleged to be endangered by troubles between Honduras and Nicaragua. Roncoador reef is situated about 200 miles off the coast of Nicaragua, and is one of the most dangerous menaces to navigation in the world.

The Kearsarge was one of the historical vessels of the American navy. She was built at the Portsmouth navy yard, New Hampshire, in 1857. The event that made her a household word was the sinking of the Confederate steamer Alabama off the coast of Cherbourg, France, on June 19, 1864. The Alabama, after playing havoc with American merchant vessels in two hemispheres, ended her career by being shot into the friendly port of Cherbourg for rest and repairs. Captain Winslow on her trial, however, and in a few days the Kearsarge appeared off Cherbourg and hung about the entrance to the harbor, but keeping on the high seas. Semmes saw the world's only steam cut-out to sea every high tide, and the neighborhood was occupied by eager watchers. The Kearsarge was in waiting and did not keep them long in suspense. Captain Winslow opened the Alabama as she was maneuvering to pass, apparently to get out of range and by superior seamanship outmaneuvered his adversary at every point. In an hour the Alabama was in a sinking condition and Captain Semmes struck her flag. The boats of the Kearsarge put out to sea, and the surrendered officers and crew, but many of them jumped into the water and were picked up by English boats. Captain Semmes was taken off by the English yacht Deerhound after his surrender.

This was probably the last sea fight that will ever be fought in the old style. Neither of the vessels were armor-plated, and the guns were of ordinary caliber. Captain Winslow was promoted to commodore and in 1870 was made admiral. He was the commanding officer. Therefore, it would appear as though Commander Heyerman will be held responsible for the loss of the vessel and on him will devolve the task of showing that the accident was not his fault. Exactly who was at fault will not be known here until further details have been reached.

The Kearsarge has been continuously in service for 37 years. She had been practically rebuilt.

Colonel Gregoroff, an Austrian army officer has been sentenced to death in Russia as an Austrian spy.

Semi-official authority confirms the report that after the military tribunals in Palermo and Massa shall have finished their work, King Humbert will declare an amnesty for all those convicted, except the men found guilty of murder, pillage or other crimes of a serious nature.

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