" Great care should be taken in buy. ing shoes," said a well-known dealer to a Rochester Post-Express reporter. Especially is this so in the cheaper grades. There is a large factory in Maine which turns out a compressed paste that is extensively used in the manufacture of shoes. Large quantitles of them are shipped to other countries, but some are sold even in this city. Leather is high and it is not to be expected that the feet can be clothed at slight expense. For this reason, the compressed paste shoe has gained in favor. People, when buying it, think they are getting the leather shoe, whereas it is simply a bogus. This class of shoe wears very well if kept dry, but after a good soaking, or twice wearing in the rain, it will tear and is of little use thereafter. It is always petter to pay a little more and get a good article upon which you can depend for service."

Wants People to Eat More Bone. One of the New York food reformers who would improve the diet of mankind has put out a proposition for the cating of bones, after they are ground fine. He holds that under the existing regimen the bones of the human frame are not properly supplied with the chemical elements needed to keep them sound and vigorous condition, and that these elements can be most easily shealned by consuming the powdered gges of the animals ordinarily used or food. He would sprinkle a steak or , for example, with bone dust, after manner in which it is sprinkled with it and pepper, and he maintains that es the taste of the ment may be great-

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The shots were fired at 250 yards, at right angles to the plate, to secure the normal impact. The first was a 500-pound Carpenter projectile from a 10-inch gun, driven by 140 projectile from a 10-lich gun, driven by 14-pounds of Dupont's Brown prismatic powder. It struck the plate with a velocity of 1.482 feet per second, or with an energy of 741,000 foot-pounds. The projectile was driven into the plate about six inches, and not a single injury to the backing was discovered, after a careful examination, save the losing of seven boits connecting the projection dock with the armor. This was not considered serious at

test.
The second shot was also from a 10-inch The second shot was also from a 10-inch gun, but the charge was increased to 126 pounds, which increased the velocity to 1.862 feet per second, so that it strates with an energy of 931,000 feet-pounds. This shot also spent itself on the plate without creating a sign of a crack or injury, or straining the frame work. frame work. There was not a bulge in the plate or frame of the vessel. A single bolt wever, was driven out.

The British Government has been informed that an American's presentative will make an investigation, and it is believed that the inquiry will be more thorough and the results more satisfactory than they would have been had the first arrangement been carried out. A dispatch to the "Pail Mall Gazette," from A dispatch to the "Tail Mail Gazette, from Hong Kong, says the leader of the Ku Cheng massacre has been captured by the authori-ties. The total number of persons thus far arrested for participation in the outrages at Ku Cheng, is 139, of whom 23 have been con-victed.

The avestigation of the United States government will be made with the co-operation of a Chinese representative. France has already made an independent investigation. The investigation is expected to be made by some official now on the Chinese coast. In will probably take a month to reach Cheng Tu, which is the capital of the interior prov-ince of Szechuan, and lies some 1,500 miles from the nearest ocean port.

WILL ACT ALONE.

Will Make an Investigation into the Cheng Tu Riots.

The United States Government has decided upon an independent investigation of the destruction of American Christian missions at Cheng Tu, China, by rioting Chinese. This decision is a result of Great Britian's delay in looking into the matter.

There riots occurred on June 10, last, some

weeks before the KuCheng riots, which a British and American commissioner is now investigating. It does not look as though the British would begin their inquiry until early in the winter. For the last ten days, Acting Secretary of State Adee has been in communication with

Mr. Donby, United States minister to China, on the subject, and just as soon as a consul of the United States on the coast can reach Cheng Tu, the investigation will begin.
While none of the American missionaries met with injury in the Cheng Tu riots, the missions were all destroyed and it is charged that the Chinese officials refused protection to their occupants until after the mob had finished its work of description.

SPAIN BACKS DOWN.

Fair Treatment Assured for Two U. S. Citizens.

The State Department received a cablegram from Consul General Williams at Havana, stating that Aguirra had been released by the Spanish authorities and Sanguilly would

te granted a civil trial soon.

This was welcome news to the department as the case of these two United States citizens imprisoned in Cuba has dragged tediously for months. Consul General Williams was active in seeing protection for Aguirra and Sanguilly, so much so that he offered the former Spanish Minister Miragua, who requested his recall. Later the State Department made very energetic representations at Mad-rid and Havana. These first bore fruits in the concession that Aguirra and Sanguilly would be given civil and not multary trials. The release of Aguirra and the prompt trial of Sanguilly will secure everything for which the United States has contended.

A RAILROAD SOLD.

C. A. and C. Passes into the Hands of Senator Brice.

Calvin S. Erice has at last gained control of the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus railroad. The board of directors, consisting of Frank Rockefeller, William Chisholm, J. H. Hoyt, L. M. Cole and G. W. Saul, met in Reveiand and after a long and exciting sesston the finishing touches were put on the deal that puts Mr. Brice in control of the road. Senator lirice was represented by Col. A. L. Conger and C. N. Haszell. The main busine t transmitted was the sale of over 19,000 hares owned and controlled by President G. W. Saul for nearly \$500,000. After the transfer Mr. Brice was elected president of the new organization. of the new organization.

The line will be used as a link to Mr. Brice's trunk line from St. Louis to New York, Large terminals will be established at Akron with a lake outlet at Cleveland, and the southern part of the line to be used as a feeder. There will be four lake terminal points, Cleveland, Toledo, Sandusky and Buffalo. It is the plen to buy the Toledo, St. Louis & Kansas City, now in the hands of a receiver. A connecting link is to be built from the Lake Erie & Western to the Clover Leat, which will give an air line from St. Louis to Delphes, O., on the Pittsburg, Akron & Western, Brice's re-centity acquired road. An extension is to be built from Akron to New Castle, Pa., where an eastern outlet will be found over the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg.

Buried In Ruins.

The west tower on the great machinery at Springfield, Ill., which is now being rooted, collapsed burying several men beneath the ruins. Charles Hobson, of Lincoln, and James Parke of Springfield, both plumbers. who were at work on the ground floor, were killed. They were covered with several tons of brick and mortar. The injured are, fred Berd, carpenter, badly mashed; N. Williamson, a carpenter, both ankles broken; Samuel Davenport, of Chicago, boss carpen-ter, badly injured about the back by falling debris; John Gethard, a carpenter large gash cut in his head, will probably recover; Chas, Brownell, water carrier, both legs and both arms broken, badly burned by mortar and, fear fully lacerated, will die.

Thomas Barkis, a mill worker of Steuben 182 William Street, New York. Rossner.

MISSION MASSACRE

Young Women Dragged From Bed and Slain-Children Hacked to Death.

A vigorous letter, relative to the recent outrages on missionaries at Ku Cheng, China, was received by E. P. Pearce, president of the Kentucky Wesleyan College, Winchester, Ky., from Dr. C. F. Reid, of Shanghai, who is presiding elder in the Methodist church, ith, in that district, and an American citi-

Zen. Writing of the massacre, he says:

Had our ministers acted promptly and adequately in the first place (at Sechsen), the second would probably not have occurred, and we should have been spared the spectacle company, of Pittsburg, and was accepted by the government as the side armor of the battleshin Iowa. The plate that so successfully being sinfants hacked to death, and a faithful servant of God burned to death.

I wish I could put my copy in the hands of

every editor, every Congressman and every other man who has any interest in his coun-try. We don't seek revenge, but we do ask for justice and the protection which every American has the right to demand.

Foreigners in China are unanimous in the belief that a little prompt and vigorous action would at once put an end to these things. We have lost all hope of help from the legation at Peking, and now appeal directly to Washington.

MANY DROWNED.

A Foreign Ships in the Harbor Were Blown Ashore.

A destructive typhoon of unusual fury spent its strength at Kucbinetsu, Japan, shortly before the last steamer sailed. All foreign ships in the harbor were blown

on shore. With a few exceptions the houses in the town were entirely destroyed or partly Thirty-six vessels became total wrecks, and

Thirty-six vessels became total wrocks, and the crews were all drowned.

The wrockage, lashed by the awful fury of the gale, pounded to death hundreds of men, women and children, clinging to the floating parts of vessels littered over the sea.

The crew of an American steamer spent the day in rescuing the drowning. An irresument named McCuin rescued a large number with last of the above.

a lasso from the shore.

The damage done by floods in Gifu prefecture Japan, is very alarming, Six hundred and eighteen villages suffered. 1,323 bridges were washed away, 20 people drown

orniges were washed away, 29 people drown-ed, and 22,236 persons requived relief. Cholera is spreading among the foreign shipping and causing great alarm. The ter-ribly infectious diseas has broken out in the French ships Isly, Inconstant, Machias and Human and en board the two Russian warships Seabaka and Hobre, 2 patients dying out of 50 affected, and on board the British steamer Ashdown.

Two Italian warships have also gone into quarantine with cholers on beard, ease in every case was traced to buin boats that supplied sallors with fruit. No American boats are yet reported affected.

A GORGEOUS GAVEL.

Montana Will Present One Made of Gold Silver and Copper The Surgeon General of the Grand Army of

the Republic, residing in Marion, O., has just received the information that the Department received the information that the Department of Montana, Grand Army of the Republic will present a gavel to the National Encampment at Louisville, next week, which will cost \$775 and will be presented by the Senior Vice Department Commander, L. Leary, of Helena. The gavel is made of good sliver and copper. The amount of the metals used is in proportion to the product of the three metals in that State. The fine engraving of the head and handle is initial with jewels three on the head and three on the handle representing the three colors, red, white and blue. The red color is made from ruby and blue. The red color is made from ruby and garnet stones, and the white and blue from saphires. The metals and jewels combined in the gavel are the products of Montana. The copper is from the electrolytic plant of the Anaconda Company, the silver from the mines and the gold from Montana placers. The gavel was made by a jeweler of Butto, the cost of making it being \$75.

The gavel will be used by the Commander fn-Chief, Gen. Thomas G. Lawler, in presid-ing over the Encampment, and will be hand ed to his successor at the close.

HAIL STORMS.

Hilineis And Missouri Swept by a Severe Storm

Reports received from central Idinois and citner side, eastern Missouri state that Tuesday night's rain storm did a great deal of damage. In some places the wind reached the dimensions of a hurricane and telegraph and telephone

of a Barrican and tengraps and temporary wires were demolished.

Al Malcomb, BL, trees and fences were blown down, corn badly damaged, and three horses stilled by lightning. At Arcola, BL, the wind blew down roofs and signs and over the wind new now roots and signs and over turned small outbuildings. At Fauville, 11, many chimneys and trees were blown down. The storm is reported to have done great damage in the country a few index north of Danville but the telephone being down nothing definite can be learned. At Cauton Iil., the electric storm was the worst ever

At New London, Mo., the heaviest hall storm ever experienced in that section swept over the city. Some of the stones measured over the sity. Some of the stones measured in the sit circumference and weighed eight ounces. A heavy rain followed the hall storm and flooded the low ands. Throughout Pike county, Missouri, the storm was very severe. but no casualties are reported. At Louisiana, Mo., the river rose six feet in less than two hours, and many persons living in the low lands were obliged to seek refuge in the upper stories of their dwellings.

AGAINST BLOOMERS.

Telephone Girls in Chicago Must Not Wear Them.

An edict recently issued by the Chicago Telephone Company has been conspicuously bulletined at headquarters, No. 203 Washington street, where 200 girls are employed, and bears the official signature of the general

manager. It reads:
"Operators will not be permitted to report at this building at any hour of the day or night in bicycle costume, or to assume that attire before departure for home."

All summer seven bicycle maidens wore bloomers to a barn opposite telephone headquarters, where their wheels are stored. These girls found it more convenient to walk across the street in bloomers to the retiring room of the telephone company, where they would cover their wheel apparel with a skirt before going to the operating room upstairs. This caused the order to be issued. Notwithstanding this order, several of the girls are wearing bloomers, covering them with a skirt in the barn.

Dead y Riot in India.

In a riot at Dhuila, province of Khandesh, between Hindoos and Mohammedans, five of the latter were killed. The riot was caused by an attack which the Mohammedans made upon a Hindoo procession. The police guarding the procession fired upon the riot ers, killing five Mohammedans outright and wounding 50, of whom five have since died.

Heads Cut Off. The most horrible murder and suicide in The most horrible murder and suicide in the history of Sullivan county, Ind., occurred Thursday night. James Ward killed Aaron Hunter, his father-in-law, and John Hunter, his brother-in-law. Ward cut off the head of the elder Hunter, and split wide open the head of the son. Family differences are sup-posed to have led to the crime.

PURSE IN A HORSE'S HOOP.

The Strange Place Where a Woman Found Her Pocketbook.

Mrs. Jacob Darue, living a few miles north of Canandalgua, drove to town to do some trading, accompanied by her children. She tied her horse on Main street, leaving the children in the wagon. She made a number of purchases, but when she sought her pocket-book it could not be found. She hastened to the spot where the horse was hitched and made a thorough investigation of the ground, the carriage, and even the youngsters were given an overhauling, in comparison with which a custom-house inspection bill is a mild affair. Mrs. Darue was positive she had placed the purse in her pocket just before leaving the carriage, and its complete disappearance was ample grounds for her anxious attitude. The search, augmented by clerks and bystanders, was continued with fruitless result and finally abandoned. A village paper that day published a notice offering a reward for the return of a pocket-book containing a considerable sum of money in bills. Mrs. Durue had placed the advertisement before returning. She had proceeded but a short distance when a slight lameness was visible in the horse she was driving. Instead of passing off, it increased, until Mrs. Darue became alarmed. She stopped and alighted from the carriage, and at her command. the horse raised the apparently tojured member. Mrs. Darue's surprise can better he imagined than described when she found, firmly imbedded in the hollow of the horse's hoof, the missting purse. It was removed without difficulty, and the family horse established a gait from there home which indicated that the discovery was as pleasing to him as to the owner of the purss. Mrs. Durue believes that in allghting from the carriage the purse fell from her dress and under the larse's feet. The purse contained about \$50. Rochester Democrat.

For Careless Travelers,

Some men with valuable unused ralls way fickets on their hands sell them to tealpers, while others go to the rallway company that issued them and obtalu their value in money. Most men, however, do neither and accept the loss when the ticket is worth less than a dollar. Indeed, many men do not realthe, says the New York Sun, that railway companies stand ready to redeem unused tickets even of small value, so that the companies must be richer by many thousands of dollars per year by reason of this neglect or ignorance.

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