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PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1875.

THE HOME HEART.

contemplates that the War Department

and concerning the rights of the colored about to give in their adhesion to King Al-Personal charges of an offensive phonso, and the Spanish Ambassador at character were made and Jewett, editor Paris had resigned and the Duke de Mont-

occurred, Byerly, who had been characterized as a liar, etc., by Warmoth, making the T., on the 1st by a report that 200 well-armed Postoffice Department is assuming such Keep the pure, unstinted charity, the trust in all attack, Warmoth apparently acting in self-defense.

1., on the 1st by a report that 2.

Ross, or Piu, Indians, were marching on that place with a view of attacking the town.

Postonice Department is as a strict and proportions as to demand a strict and proportion as to demand a strict and rigid effort to reduce expenses, with a THE report of the Election Returning Board | The cause of the disturbance is said to have view to curtail this great deficiency. With many thanks for past patronage, I invite of Louisiana shows the following result for grown out of party feeling, the Ross party One of the largest items in the annual State Treasurer: Dubuclet, 69,544; Moncure, not favoring a Territorial government. Nearly expenditures of this department

Assistant United States Appraiser, was shot expenditures for the fiscal year are \$3, German brig Gustav upon payment of the in the side and almost instantly killed. Con- 250,000. The expenditures at the present

customs duties alleged to be due. Food was servatives say the shooting was accidental. GEN. MORGAN L. SMITH, of Bloomington, Ill., died recently at a hotel in Brooklyn, N. Y. His remains were taken to Washing-

says 25,000 persons had perished from starva-

SAMUEL J. TILDEN was maugurated as Governor of New York on the 1st, in the presence of a large concourse of citizens.

THE MARKETS. New York.—Cotton—144@14%c. Flour—Good to choice, \$5.00@5.60; white winter extra, \$5.00@6.15. Wheat—No. 2 Chicago, \$1.11@1.13; No. 2 Northwestern. \$1.12@1.13%; No. 2 Milwankee Spring, \$1.14@1.15%. Rye—Western. \$2@96c. Barley—\$1.45@1.50. Corn—87@88c. Oats—Mixed Western, 68@70c. Pork—New mess, \$20.37%@50.50. Lard—134@13%c. Cheese—124@15%c. Wool—Common to extra, 43@65c. Beeves—\$10.00@13.00. Hogs—Dressed \$8.62%@8.87%; live, \$5.75@7.01. Neen—Live, \$5.00@65.

Ways and Means Committee, concerning the subsidy business of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, evidence was produced showing that Wm. S. King, Postmaster of the House of Representatives, had, in May last, drawn from a New York bank \$115,000 of the funds deposited by Irwin, on a check signed by the latter.

In a dispatch dated New Orleans, Dec. 25, McEnery says: "The wrong just perpetrated by the Returning Board against the people of Louisiana is a more crowning infamy than the action of the Lynch Returning Board."

He adds that "resistance to the national authors and the substitute of the substitu Sheep-Live, \$5.00@6.50.

Milwaukes.—Flour—Spring XX, \$5.25@5.50.
Wheat—Spring, No. 1, 9244@93c; No. 2, 8844@89c.
Corn—No. 2, 6444@65c. Gats—No 2, 51@514c.

wo countries in respect to correspondence e hanged between them; each country to forwa and deliver, free of charge, correspondence of alkinds, written and printed, received from the other, which correspondence must in all cases be prepaid at the established domestic rates of the ountry of origin.
Second—Each country will transmit the dome.

Mr. Tilton to furnish Mr. Beecher a bill of particulars in the suit of the former against the latter.

Third—No account shall be kept between the Postoffice Departments of the two countries in regard to international correspondence of any kind exchanged between them; each department retaining for its exclusive use all the postage it

mails of each country are to be transmitted in closed pouches through the territory of the other, free of extra charge.

A PRESBYTERIAN pastor in Washington reventions in consistent with this arrangement are ventions inconsistent with this arrangement are

ventions inconsistent with hereby abrogated.

Seventh—Formal articles, embodying the provisions of this agreement, shall be prepared for execution as soon as possible.

(Signed)

W. H. Griffin, Canada, acting for Deputy Postmaster-General, Canada, acting for and subject to the approval of the Postmaster MARSHALL JEWELL, Postmaster-General.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. The Paymaster-General of the army in his report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, gives the following state-

Disbursed on Treasury certificates. Total dispursements
Surplus funds deposited in the
Treasury
Paymasters' collections deposited in
the Treasury
Balance in hands of Paymasters June
30, 1874, to be accounted for in next

had telegraphed to the Pope asking his ly annuity which will commence on the plessing and promising like his ancestors death of the officer. It is contemplated to defend the rights of the Holy See. Gen. that the operation shall in the end Campos had entered Valencia at the head of be a safe one for the Government, and this being the unit for starry measure. The practice crowned with golden curis lives but in dreams. The practice crowned with golden curis lives but in this being the unit for starry measure. The practice crowned with golden curis lives but in the sun. It gives out heat and light in a proportion to which that given out by our the practice crowned with golden curis lives but in the sun. The practice crowned with golden curis lives but in the sun. The practice crowned with golden curis lives but in the sun. The practice crowned with golden curis lives but in the sun. The practice crowned with golden curis lives but in the sun. The practice crowned with golden curis lives but in the sun. The practice crowned with golden curis lives but in the sun. The practice crowned with golden curis lives but in the sun. The practice crowned with golden curis lives but in the sun. The practice crowned with golden curis lives but in the sun. the troops that were sent to oppose him shall involve no loss to the Treasury. It shall have power to prescribe from time to time the rules and tables to be em ployed in the execution of the plan.

The average annual mortality of officers of the United States army dur-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. cular, of which the following is an ex-

offices of the same class which are inleans on the night of the 31st ult. in company with a friend, Fabius McKay Dunn (colored), service. The appropriations for these rate will be \$3,340,000, leaving a deficit of \$90,000. I have determined upon an investigation of all the offices, to be made by agents of the Postoffice Department who are thoroughly versed in all the details of Postoffice work and requirement, A CONSTANTINOPLE dispatch of the 31st ult. | with a view of discovering the amount necessary to be appropriated for the next

ensuing year. "In connection with this I deem it advisable to reorganize the clerical force of all the offices of the higher grade, systematizing the labor and basing the compensation of the clerks upon the quality and amount of the service performed and introducing a system of appointments and promotions that will enable you to reduce the force and ex- a superb object in the winter sky, compenses to the lowest limit, and increasing the efficiency of the service to the greatest ary, and surpassing in size and lustrous extent; while at the same time the light its nearest rivals, Betelguex and extent; while at the same time the pay to individual clerks may be increased | Procyon, with which it forms an equilat if increase is demanded. This reorganization is absolutely necessary to carry out the object proposed, and will receive

Postmasters that they forthwith submit think necessary.

Russian Etiquette. As soon as the imperial party were seated everybody else satdown; it would have been great rudeness for anybody to sit while they were standing; and if the Emperor had risen at any time during the performance it would have been the etiquette for every other person in the house to follow his example. This is the case everywhere, no matter where the Emperor may be, and the rule of eti-quette includes all the members of the family. Royal and imperial personages are no doubt greatly bored by the constant ceremony going on around them, and most of them would be glad to es cape at least a portion of it. The Empress Catherine succeeded in doing so to some extent when she built the Hermitage, or small palace which adjoins the Palais d'Hiver. She arranged a series of requent reunions, and the rules governing them were conspicuously placed at the entrance of one of the principal halls,

where they may still be seen. Here are ank, his hat and, above all, his sword. 2. Leave at the door your dignity, your pride and every sentiment that resembles them. 4. Remain standing or sitting, or promenade, as you like, without regarding anyone. The fourth rule did away with the ne-

that one evening he happened in a little circle which contained the Grand Duchess Marie, sister of the Emperor. Conversation went on quite rapidly, and the Grand Duchess was in the best of spirits. After a time she said, in the most friend-

"I have a favor to ask of all of you. want to join that party on the other side of the hall, and I don't want to make a of its influence in producing fertilizing commotion that will break up the conversation. If you rise when I do they can get there without disturbing them." seat with a merry laugh before more than half the number were able to assume an

upright position. Not many years ago an American Minster when presented to the Emperor coolly sat down while His Majesty remained standing, and furthermore placed an antiquated and by no means comely hat on the table between them. They affront at the time, but a remark which he subsequently dropped showed that he was not unobservant of such a gross in-fraction of etiquette.—Thos. W. Knox, in Harper's Magazine.

Novel Expedient of Besieged Men.

A private letter from an officer at Fort | sun about the 12th of August, and the | half miles a second. Sill, Indian Territory, gives the follow- classical dog-days extend from the 24th | We cannot yet tell whether the earth eyes are small, and in some species their were cast in the whole parish, and when ing account of an ingenious expedient of July to the 1st of September. As is moving from the star or the star from nostrils are developed to such an extent for State Treasurer in that year the Readopted to aid some soldiers in a strait: modern dog-days extend from the 3d of the earth. Even with this incredible as to render their physiognomy perfectly publicans cast 1,032 votes and the Demo-Corporal John Smith, of the Fortieth July to the 11th of August it will readily | speed, the passage of a million years | hideous. Infantry, with four men, was employed on some detail some twenty-five miles the rising of Sirius.

| But let no one look with contempt sympathy | mind you, between the rising of Sirius. | But let no one look with contempt sympathy | mind you, between the rising of Sirius. | Cause an infamous Returning Board refrom this post. While thus engaged he was surprised by a body of some hundred from its superior size, was nearer to us inhabitants of the globe is a period too Their food consists of various kinds of parish where heretofore there have been or more mounted Indians, he thinks than any of its companions, but modern insignificant to be thought of when dealeither Kiowas or Comanches, from this observation has established the fact that | ing with this far-distant star! 241,096 12 reservation. As their purpose was un346,699 15 reservation. As their purpose was un48,009 16 reservation. As their purpose was un48,009 17 reservation. As their purpose was un48,009 18 reservation. As th no time in taking to the only available | through space in obedience to laws that a sun, made up of constituents like those | creatures far more beautiful and attract | parish is the height of absurdity and the \$17,437,741 43
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\$10 time in taking to the only available shelter, an old buffalo wallow, where, in a very uncomfortable, constrained position, they managed to protect their bodies and keep their enemies at a distance for the day and night. The next morning, however, their sufferings for want of food as where sufficients like those shelter, an old buffalo wallow, where, in are not yet fully comprehended. The formula of our sun, and giving forth heat and light under similar conditions? The though apparently impersion, they managed to protect their bodies and keep their enemies at a distance for the day and night. The next morning, however, their sufferings for want of food as water became rather serious and water became rather serious and water became rather the constituents like those of our sun, and giving forth heat and light under similar conditions? The though apparently impersion, they managed to protect their bodies are not yet fully comprehended. The of our sun, and giving forth heat and light under similar conditions? The they are surely marvelous in one revelations of the spectroscope have satisfied that are not yet fully comprehended. The of our sun, and giving forth heat and light under similar conditions? The trick they are surely marvelous in one revelations of the spectroscope have satisfied that a sun, made up of constituents like those of our sun, and giving forth heat and light under similar conditions? The trick they are surely marvelous in one of our sun, and giving forth heat and light under similar conditions? The trick they are surely marvelous in one of our sun, and giving forth heat and light under similar conditions? The trick they are surely marvelous in one of our sun, and giving forth heat and light under similar conditions? The surely marvelous in one of our sun, and giving forth heat and light under similar conditions? and water became rather serious, and the motion of our sun may be the cause servation of the finer lines very difficult. pended in the air without touching them on the constituted authorities of the State something had to be done. Corporal Smith was equal to the occasion; taking a piece of his own white shirt, the only appeal of a portion of our sun may be the cause servation of the nner lines very difficult. Its spectrum is composed of rays of the with their wings. Their wings are supposed to be so peculiarly sensitive as to having the greatest proper motion must broad lines, and by numerous fine ones. a piece of his own white shirt, the only having the greatest proper motion must broad lines, and by numerous fine ones. substitute for paper to be had, he wrote be nearest to us, just as a man seems to As its spectrum presents the same gena note describing their situation, secured | walk faster at a little distance from us eral appearance as the solar spectrum, The number of re-enlistments during it with care to the neck of a small, shaggy than when he is much farther off. In it is proved that the star is incandescent, the last year has been 1,400 more than mongrel dog which had followed them the great majority of stars not the and that its light comes to us through place of security, where they remain in a of the box-toe pattern, a parti-colored during the previous fiscal year. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, there teen he fastened it to the dog's tail and that its light content of the warm the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, there teen he fastened it to the dog's tail and that its light content of the warm slightest trace of movement can be detected by the most careful observation. As the earth sweeps on in her orbit dark lines indicate the presence of the warm plain gold rings, a bracelet on his left sun's photosphere. The four broad and that its light content in the great majority of stars not the dark lines in the great majority of stars not the dark lines in the great majority of stars not the dark lines in the great majority of stars not the dark lines in the great majority of stars not the dark lines in the great majority of stars not the dark lines in the great majority of stars not the dark lines in the great majority of stars not the dark lines in the great majority of stars not the dark lines in the great majority of stars not the dark lines in the great majority of stars not the dark lines in the great majority of stars not the dark lines in the great majority of stars not the g Ex.-Gov. Warmorth had a preliminary examination on the 30th on the charge of murder for killing D. C. Byerly, in New Orleans, and was discharged from custody.

| Ex.-Gov. Warmorth had a preliminary examination on the 30th on the charge of this reduction is due to the day, to quote the correct of the faint ones are due to sodium, magnesium and iron. The Indians, taking it to be a first to presume that a large share of it. 183,000,000 miles nearer to some of the surrounding stars, and yet this of the surrounding stars, and yet this of the museum. Passing near the place the presence of the faint ones are due to sodium, magnesium and iron. Therefore Sirius is a real sun, constitute the presence of the faint ones are due to sodium, magnesium and iron. The fair to presume that a large share of it. The finding of the surrounding stars, and yet this year. fair to presume that a large share of it attempt to stop him, and within two enormous distance does not change the tuted in the same way, and containing where it was caught the mother-bat is owing to the increasing contentment with the service by the full operation of the acts of May 15, 1872, for gradual increase of pay and for soldiers' deposits.

The Paymester-General recommends The Paymaster-General recommends to favorable consideration an annuity scheme for officers of the army first

In memory's gleams;
What marvel then that loving fear blends with
the pride and joy
That watches on his manhood's verge the bold

and bonny boy? The happy smile of infancy still wreaths his rosy The fearless light of childhood's eyes knows nothing of eclipse; But firmer tread and stronger clasp attest the While growing, daring thought and will awake the woman fears.

My son, a wiser hand than mine will shape thy The Postmaster-General will soon send A greater power soothe thy night and guide the So, in a patient impotence, I strive to stand

only praying, for thy father's sake, oh, keep the frank home heart! The hope that mid each earthly cloud still feels the sunshine there. The faith in goodness, love and truth that, spite of fault and fall,

Looks on the bright world God has made and

owns His touch on all. so shall the light foot spring unharmed along the perilous path. So shall the brave hand clasp and keep the one By the yearning of the lonely life, whose chiefest joy thou art,
Oh, darling of our severed lives, keep still the fresh home heart.

-Tinsley's Magazine

SIRIUS, THE DOG-STAR. "ONE star differeth from another star in glory," and among the six thousand stars visible to the unassisted eve in the celestial sphere, or the twenty million revealed there by telescopic research, he greatest glory surrounds the peer less orb known under the name of Sirius. It belongs to a little constellation. Canis Major, a cluster of thirty-one stars, possessing otherwise no noticeable feature situated south and east of Orion, and universally known from the unrivaled luster of its leading brilliant. Sirius is ing to the meridian on the 11th of Februeral triangle, whose angular points of starry glory sparkle like diamonds of the

first water. the attention of the agents detailed for | For the origin of the name of this glittering brilliant we must go back to The Postmaster-General suggests to the early history of astronomy, among the people who dwelt in Egypt around a draft of such a scheme of organization | the river Nile. The rise and overflow of of their respective offices as they may the famous river was to the ancient inhabitants at first a source of annoyance and distress, on account of the inundation of the land adjacent to its shores. The occurrence was considered as accidental until long observation had shown that it was an annual event, and then its cause was a source of still greater anxie-The heavens above and the earth

below were carefully studied for a solution of the mystery. At length patient study was rewarded; he problem was solved. A few days be ore the river began to rise a bright star rose above the morning horizon, just before the sun's appearance. Every year the mysterious star appeared at the same season and in the same position or at least so near it that the slight deviation was not recognized by the unpracticed astronomers of the time Every year its appearance was followed those who dwelt near the river left their dwellings and sought temporary home in more elevated localities, while they watched the overflow with mingled feel ings of superstitious fear and bright hopes of agricultural prosperity. Thus the star was like a watch-dog, giving warning of the approach of the enemy, and for this reason it received the name of Haaut, or Tayaut, signifying dog in their language. As the star was closely associated with the sacred river, it was honored with a second name, Sihor, one

the derivation for our name for the star To the Egyptians this star was the most important one in the heavens, for it marked the commencement of their agricultural year. The slightest variation in its color was carefully observed, and from its greater or lesser brilliancy, indicating in reality the condition of the atmosphere, they eagerly gathered omens of fruitful harvest or desolating famine. inundations, and superstitiously believed that the conjunction of sun and star On account of the prevalence of maligwith it a malarious influence. This be-

The star had a peculiar god, called carried on a brief conversation in this twenty days after the event. These way. The Emperor made no sign of were the "Dies caniculares" of classic

the present time Sirius rises with the ceding at the rate of twenty-nine and a light blinds them quite effectually. Their citing the returns for 1872, when, accord

the collapse of the Spanish Republic and that Alphonso had been proclaimed King of Spain Alphonso had been proclaimed King of Spain on which their distances can be calculated. Alpha Centauris, a southern, the marvelous discoveries that have follows.

terly fails to comprehend the dimensions evidence of vast commotion around its plaintive tone adopted is well calculated of a universe fashioned on so vast a scale! huge circumference. It is so far away to deceive and lead the people of the Sirius has also a proper motion, five that light, with its amazing velocity, to pity these down-trodden times as slow as Alpha Centauris. It is 1,375,000 times the earth's distance from its far distant confines; and yet so near sympathy, especially from the Republithe sun, which is 91,430,000 miles. It that, while running away from us at the can press of the country, we beg to call takes light twenty-two years to traverse this distance; so that if this star were second, we can see its light, feel its heat, First: Can a citizen of Illinois gain a to-day to be blotted from the sky it measure its circumference, weigh its residence in Louisiana? If he can, then would continue to shine there with un- mass define its substance and watch the Gov. Kellogg ought to have gained it, diminished luster for twenty-two years. | movement of its dark satellite.

been determined but its size compared starry host is but one of twenty million there. If he can become a citizen we with our sun has been approximately visible to telescopic sight, many among know of nothing to prevent the people measured. The only method for com- the distant glimmerers doubtless its from running him for and electing him puting the dimensions of a star is to equal, or far exceeding its inconceivable to the highest office in the State if they stars of the first magnitude and nineteen | comprehend the dimensions of a universe are much farther from us than created on so grand a scale. But mortal

four times as bright, it is in reality 100 | the universe.

earth's center, filling the intervening Concerse, in Appleton's Journal. space between us and the moon, and extending more than 5,500,000 miles beyond, and we have some faint dawning of a conception of the incomprehensible di-

a way as to indicate powerful disturbing faces and bite us with their terrible Fortunately it is composed in this ininfluences in its vicinity. Here was a teeth. calculated the orbit of the attracting was somewhat past comprehension. o elude the search of the best telescopes. of eighteen and a half inches in diameter, was completed by the famous optinew instrument was pointed to Sirius as organs of vision have been destroyed. from the primary. The glad tidings spite of their seeming deformity and went quickly round our little globe, and ugliness. was known, the companion was easily whether the observed satellite was really wings." Pliny says they are the disturbing body. It was found that | which suckle their young." its observed position and motion correfrom theory that no doubt of the iden-

tity between the theoretical and visible satellite remained. Another modern discovery concerning Sirius relates to what is technically they were winged mice. called star-drift. Certain stars appear brightness of Sirius Dr. Huggins senant disease at this time they associated | lected it for a beautiful and delicate experiment to determine whether stars regular hobble and jump, their limbs not more point in it. The committee says lief prevailed universally in ancient have a proper motion in the direction of being formed for walking. times, and the superstition still survives | the line of sight from the earth. Astronomers can determine if a star moves up or down, to the right or left of a cer-Typhon, to whom a cruel sacrifice was tain mean position, but they cannot de- soft, delicate, leathery membrane which White League filed duplicates and asked made of red-haired victims, usually for- termine if the star moves backward or answers the purpose of wings. These that these be counted. This they say eigners, who were annually seized for forward. But Dr. Huggins solved the curious wings are provided with a short was refused. this purpose. The Greeks adopted the problem from a spectroscopic application thumb which has a crooked nail and with Now, let us look at this case: De Soto superstition and the Romans followed tion of the laws of light. Light moves in this hook they climb the sides of caverns parish has a total population of 14,775. their lead, sacrificing yearly a brown waves. If the wave length of a particu- or suspend themselves when they wish to This, counting the ordinary proportion dog to Sirius to render it propitious to lar ray from a star varies in length from rest. Their hind feet are small and of votes to population, would give 2,995 their flocks and herds. The evil agency | the normal wave-length of that ray, then | weak, each divided into five toes, also | votes in the parish, assuming that every continued for forty days, twenty days the star is approaching or receding, ac- armed with nails. Their most usual adult male voted. But of the total population before the heliacal rising of the star and cording as the deviation varies. The method of alighting is by attaching the ulation, 10,753 are colored, which would times. At that remote period they com- spectrum of this star is crossed by known menced on the 4th of August and dark lines. If one of these lines is lasted till the 14th of September. But changed toward the red end of the specthe rising of Sirius varies with trum, the observer knows that the star provided with three kinds of teeth- 10,000 majority for the "white man's latitude of the place, and is swiftly receding; if it changes toward sufficient, probably, to place them among ticket" out of a total of less than 3,000 in the same latitude is percept the violet end, it is swiftly approaching. ibly changed after a course of years After a series of the most careful meas- small and possess the faculty of seeing than 1,000? by the precession of the equinoxes. At urements, it was found that Sirius is re- only in the night. The presence of

the appearance of the king star of our upon these disagreeable little animals. It was naturally supposed that Sirius, universe, and the lifetime of the present

us. But its motion is not quite one sec- earth, and is a gigantic globe, with a di- formity to the laws of their organization. ated his mouth.

ond of a degree, and it is separated from ameter of 12,000,000 miles and a volume "Down-Trodden" White Leagues In us by the enormous distance of 224,000 more than 2,000 times greater than that of this being the unit for starry measure-ments. Therefore, for 20,000,000,000,000 lesser luminary dwindles into nothingmiles a traveler beyond the boundaries ness. It is made up of constituents exof the solar system, passing through isting in all the bodies of the solar sysspace with the amazing velocity of light, tem, and it rules over at least one huge 184,000 miles a second, would be three planet of proportions corresponding to years and six months in reaching the nearest of the stars. Finite power ut-

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Not only has the distance of Sirius. And yet this glorious lender of the measure its light. There are twenty mass. It is not given to finite power to Alpha Centauris, although many imagination may seek to picture the of them are nearly as brilliant. glory of such a sun, the highest type of Therefore we reason that they starry development, and fancy the must exceed that star in size and mass. planetary orbs revolving around the Now, Sirius must far surpass this spark- beaming center, manifesting the various ling gem of the southern sky, for it is and complicated conditions of physical four times as bright and five times as far existence It may also picture some of away. Since it is five times as far them at least as fitted for the abode of away it should shine with one-twenty- intelligent beings of an order adapted to fifth of the light, and, being apparently a position so exalted in the economy of

imes as bright. As Alpha is three times | We have occasionally, on this planet, as bright as the sun would be, removed glimpses of vastly higher orders of into the same distance, Sirius must be 300 | telligence in the existence of a few intimes as bright as the sun. If we assume dividuals gifted far above their peers, that the intrinsic brightness of the star whose fame will be borne from generais the same as the intrinsic brightness of tion to generation as long as the world the sun, we shall have an immense sun | endures. Why should not the inhabitants fourteen times the diameter of our sun, of the worlds revolving around Sirius be with a volume exceeding his more than as far above these exceptional specimens 2,000 times. This gives Sirius a diameter of the human race as a Shakespeare, a of more than 12,000,000 miles. Let us Milton, or a Sir Isaac Newton is above imagine a blazing sun stretching from the the most untutored barbarian?-E. M.

" As Blind as a Bat."

"A good many years ago," when we lived in an old-fashioned country farmmensions of this immense globe of fire, the greatest aggregation of solar matter | house and used tailow candles and whalemeasurable thus far by terrestrial instru- oil lamps, we remember certain intruders upon our peace that always came Great changes have taken place in the after dark. During the warm summer color of Sirius since it was first observed. evenings, when the windows and doors a fiery red, after which it gradually faded dimly lighted by one feeble and sputter-to a pure white, and it has now taken on ing candle, these erazy-headed interlopa blaish or greenish tint. It holds a ers would suddenly make their appearleading position in the class of white ance. They would fly from corner to stars, which includes the highest condi- corner and from floor to ceiling with the tions of development in the astral uni-Curious and unaccountable vagaries unsystematic and unpremeditated kind have always marked the movements of of a way that we never could place any his star. It was found that it did not dependence upon them. Indeed they move in the heavens in a straight line seemed to be perfectly aimless, though and with the uniform velocity of the us children stood in considerable fear fixed stars, but varied its motion in such lest they should unexpectedly aim at our

knotty problem that astronomers did not | We recollect the time when one was at fail to attack, but no solution was reached last taken prisoner in broad daylight, until about half a century since. Bessel, and what a satisfaction we experienced a German observer, was convinced that when we were enabled to look at and the disturbance was caused by the at- even to touch the curious and homely traction of an invisible satellite revolving little animal. It had previously been a

around the shining orb. Other observers mystery, and even after examination it body, independently reaching the same | "As blind as a bat," says many a boy result, and they even went so far as to or girl who, perhaps, has never seen the indicate its position at certain times. shadow of one or stopped to inquire At last no doubt remained as to the ex- whether bats are by nature without eyes istence of the disturber, but it continued or having eyes are unable to see through them. Yet bats not only have eyes In 1862 a telescope, with an object glass | which they use at certain times, but they possess a peculiar instinct or capability cians, Messrs. Alvan Clark & Sons. The | ments almost equally as well after their a test of its power, and the long-looked- | Certainly they have been created in such or companion came immediately into a wonderful manner that they are worthy view, at the distance of ten seconds of consideration and even admiration in

the bright star. When the exact position over these strange creatures and were undecided as to whether they should be detected by skillful observers. It took | called birds or quadrupeds. Aristonearly four years to settle the question | tle calls them "birds with shiny writer thinks they are " most marvelous sponded so nearly with those predicted beings because they can walk without paws, fly without wings, see when there streets of Shreveport with bits of paper is no light, and become sightless when called by them their "insurance,"

dawn appears." Our own first impressions were that inent White Leaguer that "the bearer They are similar to birds only in one to be drifting from us, others to be drift- respect: They can fly, and they live in the air, mostly, instead of on the ground. They appear very awkward when they attempt to walk, proceeding with an ir. | markable appeal, we wish to notice one

gated, the finger-bones are still more ity." The original returns, it seems, lengthened, and over these is extended a were not forthcoming, whereupon the spectroscopist has a delicate way of elu- hooks of their posterior extremities to give 2,150 votes to the Republican ticket, cidating this law. The rainbow-tinted the projections of caves or old buildings, saying that there are no white Republi where they hang, with their heads down cans at all in the parish. Now, will some and their wings folded. The mouths of one be good enough to tell us how this

> beasts of prey." ears are as large in proportion as their ing to their own count, but 1,875 votes They have their own work to perform. fuse to give them 10,000 majority in a ing the hours of darkness; and the un- There may be a mistake in these figures

> the surface of any near object. When cold weather approaches bats ionably cut black broadcloth swallowretire in great numbers to some dark tail coat, studless white shirt front, boots

made its appearance, followed the boy bears and wolves in Northern Wisconsin, several squares, and finally alighted on which get nothing to eat from November tion, as it is called-and thus afford data | wearied perseverance of modern observ. | The idea that these inferior little creat-

Louisiana.

The agent of the Associated Press In New Orleans, with his customary liberlity to the White League, sent the address of the seventy members of that organization to the people of the United States, in full, and that address was pubfor he has been there for years, and has business interests of great magnitude

wish to do so. One would think from

the indignation of these people that none

but natural-born Louisianians had any

right to locate in that State, and that all

others were interlopers and ineligible to

office. This not being the case, but only a delusion of these gentlemen, let us proceed to the next point. The committee of White Leaguers declare that Kellogg was put over them by a drunken United States Judge, sus tained by the United States army. What are the facts? Kellogg was first "put over them" by the people, at which they rebelled. His election was certified by the Returning Board, composed of men superior to any of this White League committee both in judgment, ability and honesty. The action of the Board was sustained by the local court, by the State Supreme Court and by the United States Court. In fact, every tribunal before which they have taken their case from that day to this has decided against them. Yet they have the hardihood to come up before the people of the North after attempting to assassinate the Governor and State officers, and with this

falsehood in their mouths ask for sympathy and support. But they say that they are being plundered and their property confiscated by exorbitant taxation under Kellogg. Why do they not submit the proof? Not a figure is adduced-nothing but the bare assertion. It has been clearly shown, so clear as to defy contradiction and prove falsehood, that the State Government under Kellogg has been in all gnancia respects a success; that taxation has been decreased, the public indebtedness reduced and the reputation of the State

advanced. So much for this part of the

The committee then say that after having beaten their adversaries in the late election they are about to be counted out by the Returning Board. Indeed! Now the Returning Board is a creature of law. be found in Louisiana, all of them native-born Southerners, and all but one, we believe, natives of Louisiana. They are sworn to discharge their duties faith fully, and only ignorance or knavery presumes to say they will do otherwise They will probably throw out the returns of some parishes where the systematize plan of intimidation by the White League kept hundreds of voters from the polls, and if they did not do so they would be false to their oaths. The White League committee need not come before the people of the North claiming a fair election. Every reader knows better These men declared openly and boldly before the election that there should not be a free ballot, and right well they kept heir word. Whole parishes were debarred from voting at all or compelled to vote the White League ticket, and the perse cution of those refusing was kept up after the election until a life in that region to a Republican became the veriest torture. This is no secret. Who denies it? Why, it has been boasted that region, and the outrageous appeals for violence in this regard taken from the columns of Southern papers have been published for months and months in the columns of the Inter-Ocean. Col ored men are to-day walking the containing the certificate of some promvoted the white man's ticket." These notorious facts lend a grim sort of humor to the statement of the committee that

they carried the State by 3,500 majority. But before putting aside this very re-'In the case of the parish of De Soto Their forearms are very much elon. the Conservatives won by 10,000 major-

these strange animals are very large and immaculate White League committee got Their eyes are very votes and out of a party vote of less Let us make this still more absurd by

crats 713! And yet these men appeal for

For full dress Kalakaua wears a fash-

-The Milwaukee Sentinel says: "The

A MAN in Rutland, Vt., eating roasted by the army and navy, and that the people had gladly acquiesced in the movement. The King had announced his Cabinet, and their widows, heirs or nominees a month-

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Compiled from Telegrams of Accompanying Dates. Monday, Dec. 28.

Legislature are all carried, according to the count of both parties. THE Carlists have offered to restore the eported to be very scarce at Pampalona, and all known Carlists had been expelled from

THE Grand Duke Nicholas, nephew of the ton, D. C. Emperor of Russia, the one who was associated with the diamond scandal some months ago, has been declared insane, and placed tion in the city of Adana alone. nder guardianship. O. B. Stout, of Indianapolis, Ind., has been

in-law for alienating the affections of his wife, who procured a divorce from him some A DISPATCH received on the morning of the 28th reports the burning of the emigrant ship tion is to be held on the 20th inst. Cospatrick on the 17th, in latitude 37 N., ongitude 12 W. It is estimated that 465 lives

A Washington dispatch says Gen. Sheridan had been ordered to New Orleans to relieve Gen. Emory. Tuesday, Dec. 29. In the investigation in New York on the before the sub-committee of the House Ways and Means Committee, concerning the \$6.75@7.01.

In a circular to Postmasters throughout the country the Postmaster-General urges upon Postmasters the necessity of curtailment of all unnecessary expenses in the way of clerical hire, etc , in order that the anticipated deficiency of \$90,000 in this department of the service for the current fiscal year

urer and State Auditor of Minnesota the receipts of the year have been \$1,112,812.58, and the expenditures \$1,148,059.96. Balance in the Treasury \$183,151.94, against \$218,398.35 \$7.75@8.20. at the end of the year 1873. GERRIT SMITH died in New York on the

According to the report of the State Treas-

may be reduced as much as possible.

28th, from a combined attack of apoplexy and paralysis. Mr. Smith was seventy-seven years Wednesday, Dec. 30. A REPORT that Gen. Emory has been superseded by Gen. Terry is not confirmed and is New Postal Arrangements with Canada. robably incorrect. Gen. Sheridan left Chicago on the evening of the 27th for New Orleans, under instructions to hold himself in readiness, in the event of an uprising against the Kellogg Government, to

assume immediate command of the Government forces and carry out instructions confidentially sent him. In the Cabinet meeting in Washington on the 29th Atty-Gen. Williams emphatically fected for putting them into operation: reiterated his opinion that there was a necessity for the Government to sustain the report

of the Louisiana Election Returning Board at all hazards, and that its decision is right THE general term of the City Court of Brooklyn, Judges Neilson and Reynolds on Brooklyn, Judges Neilson and Keynolds on tic mails of the other in closed ponches through the bench, has given a decision reversing its territory, free of charge, by its ordinary mail the order of Judge McCue which required

By arrangements recently concluded between the United States and Canada, on and after Jan. 1, 1875, or as soon as the necessary measures can be perfected, the domestic

cently committed suicide after being detected in the purloining of some books-from a book-

THE death of Don Espartero, Marshal, and at one time Regent, of Spain, is announced. He was eighty-two years old. THE Mississippi Democratic State Conven

tion has been postponed from Jan. 8 to April

A BATTLE and a Carlist defeat are reported at Roda, in Barcelona. In the Pacific Mail investigation in New | ment of receipts and disbursements: Shaving and Shampooing.

ESPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO

CUTTING CHILDREN'S HAIR

York on the 30th the Secretary of the Brooklyn Trust Company testified that John G.
Schumaker, Congressman for the Second
New York District, had received in payments

Received from soldiers' deposits... and credit the sum of \$275,000 of the amount disbursed by the agents of the Pacific Mai Company. Rufus Hatch stated before the ommittee that he wished to introduce cer-

tain witnesses to show that Irwin's intention in coming back from Europe was to break up the Pacific Mail Company. A PARTY of Indians, belonging to Spotted Tail's band, have reported a gang of twenty-Post Office Book Store, one miners encamped in the Black Hills. They were not molested, but the fact of their one miners encamped in the Black Hills. intrusion reported to Indian Agent Howard. THE Congressional sub-committee to inves-Sigate Louisiana affairs held its first session in New Orleans on the 30th. The Vicksburg

committee reached that place on the 30th.

leans, and was discharged from custody.

Ex.-Gov. WARMOTH had a preliminary

THE Freemasons in New York gave King

Kalakana a reception on the night of the 30th. A large number were present. Saturday, Jan. 2. Madrid dispatches of the 31st ult. announce scheme for officers of the army, first

when he pronounced for Alphonso. In an affray in the streets of New Orleans The new Mintstry had telegraphed on the 26th, between ex-Gov. Warmoth and to Cuba directing the Captain-Gener-Daniel C. Byerly, manager of the Bulletin, the al to proclaim to the army there former stabbed the latter with a pocket-knife the accession of King Alphonso. Disand inflicted wounds which proved fatal in a patches of the 1st say that Gen. short time. The difficulty grew out of a Dorregaray had laid down his arms and in war) has been 24.1 per 1,000. newspaper discussion on political affairs that other prominent Carlist leaders were

of the Bulletin, challenged Warmoth to pensier and the Orleans Princes had congrata duel, and the latter promptly accepted. ulated Don Alphonso upon his accession to to all Postmasters of leading cities a cir-The next day (26th) the street fracas the Spanish throne. GREAT excitement was caused at Vinita, I.

68,586; majority for Dubuclet (Republican), all the white people had left Vinita on the 18 the expenses of the Postoffices. This, upon examination, is found to differ very materially in WHILE walking on the streets in New Or-

THE internal revenue receipts for the month of December were \$8,984,630. For the fiscal awarded a verdict of \$500 against his mother- year to Dec. 31, \$52,273,430.

THE Connecticut Republican State Conver

thority, represented by a large portion of the army and naval fleet sustaining the party. tion and stiffing the voice of the people, has never been meditated."

\$1.08\(\tilde{a}\)1.10. \(\tilde{Corn}\)- New, 70\(\tilde{a}\)71c. \(\tilde{R}\)ye=\$1.9\(\tilde{a}\)1.10. \(\tilde{Oats}\)-59\(\tilde{c}\)62c. \(\tilde{Barley}\)=\$1.27\(\tilde{a}\)1.27\(\tilde{a}\). Sr. Louis.—Cattle—Fair to choice, \$4.50@6.25.

Hogs—Live, \$6.50@7.00. Flour—XX Fall, \$4.75@
4.90. Wheat—No. 2 Red Fall, \$1.05%@1.06%.

Corn—No. 2, new, 65%@66c. Oats—No. 2, 57%.

57%c. Rye—\$1.02@1.03. Bartey—No. 2, \$1.30@
1.35 Pork—Mess, \$18.50@18.75. Lard—12%@13c.

> Rus-No. 1, 97@98c. Barley-No. 2, \$1.2812@ CLEVELAND.—Wheat—No. 1 Red. \$1.11½@1.12; No. 2 Red. \$1.05½@1.06. Corn—New. 71@72c. Outs—No. 1, 57½@58c. DETROIT. - Wheat - Extra. \$1.15\(\)\(\)\(1.15\(\)\(4

Toledo.—Wheat—Amber Michigan, \$1.194; No. 2 Red, \$1.0844@1.09. Corn—Hi Mixed, new, 6944@70c. Oats—No. 2, 56@564c. BUFFALO. — Beeres \$4.75@6.00. Hogs - Live \$6.20@7.10. Sheep-Live, \$4.75@5.50. EAST LIBERTY. — Beeves — Best, \$6.25@6.75; medium, \$5.75@6.00. Hogs—Yorkers, \$6.50@6.75; Philadelphia, \$7.00@7.10. Sheep—Best, 6.01@6.5); medium, \$5.01@5.75.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29. For the purpose of placing communi cation by post between the United States and Dominion of Canada upon the most liberal and advantageous basis, the following arrangements have been agreed ipon, to be carried into effect on the 1st of January, 1875, or as soon thereafter as the necessary measures can be per-First-Unification of the postal systems of the

Third-No account shall be kept between th intention of our respective Postoffice Departments that the provisions of this agreement shall extend to an international money-order exchange

Army Statistics.

ing the last fifty years (including deaths Postoffice Reorganization.

tract:

the examination of the offices."

cessity for all to rise when any member of the names of the Nile; or, according of the imperial family passed through to other authority, Siris, the Egyptian the hall, and was no doubt a great relief to other rising of the river. This is to all concerned. A gentleman who haslived in St. Petersburg for some time, and has the entree of the court, tells me

will, of course, see it. Now I want all caused the excessive heat of the season. of you to keep your seats, and I think I Of course everybody obeyed the injunction, and paid no apparent attention to her departure. She succeeded very fairly in her effort, as she managed to get quite in the midst of the party before The star had a pecu she was discovered. She dropped into a