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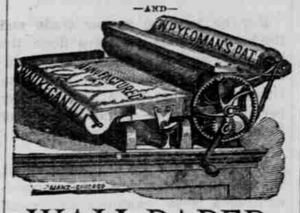

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CURRENT PARAGRAPHS.

THE Ohio Republican State Convention will be held at Columbus on the 29th of March.

BROWNLEE, on trial at Indianapolis for alleged complicity in the whisky frauds, has been acquitted.

MOTHER STEWART, of Ohio crusade renown, recently made her first appearance before a London audience.

THE corpse of the late Chevalier Rossi was publicly cremated in the Monumental Cemetery, at Milan, Italy, on the 23d.

A FEW nights ago burglars robbed the Northampton (Mass.) National Bank of securities to the value of over $600,000.

FIVE children of Mr. Alexander Ellerbe, of Marion, S. C., were burned to death, a few days ago, in their father's house, which was destroyed by fire.

THE Wisconsin Republican State Convention has been called to meet at Madison on the 22d of February, to select delegates to the National Convention and to nominate a State Electoral ticket.

A RECENT Bismarck dispatch states that a party of miners had reached that place from the Black Hills. They report 1,200 miners in the hills, all of whom are said to be meeting with excellent success.

A RECENT Paris telegram says another conspiracy against the life of Prince Milan had been discovered at Belgrade, and that it had extended so far as to menace an insurrection and perhaps a revolution.

WORK in the anthracite coal mines of Pennsylvania is to be suspended from Feb. 7 to March 11, inclusive. This action has been taken in consequence of overproduction and the accumulation of unsold coal upon the market.

THE firm of Jordan, Clark & Co., one of the leading wholesale clothing firms in Boston, has suspended, owing to the falsification of their books by their confidential book-keeper, Frank Sanford, who has fled to Canada.

THE Secretary of the Treasury has directed the destruction of $554,080 in greenbacks, that amount being eighty per cent. of the new national bank currency issued during the month up to Jan. 27. This leaves the outstanding greenback circulation $371,273,140.

A COLLISION recently occurred on the Great Northern Railway in England, which caused the death of thirteen persons and injured many others. The collision took place in the midst of a blinding snow-storm. Among those killed was the son of Dion Boucicault.

A FIGHT is reported between United States troops and Apache Indians, about fifty miles southwest of Santa Fe, N. M., on the 17th of January. The troops were on a buffalo hunt, and were attacked by about 200 Indians. After fighting nearly half a day the troops managed to get away with the loss of one man and three badly wounded. At least twenty Indians were slain.

REV. S. C. BARTLETT, of Chicago, in a recent interview denied that an investigating committee of Congregationalists had been called to investigate the conduct of Mr. Beecher and Plymouth Church, but said the Congregational brethren would not rest until the matter had been thoroughly sifted by a council, and that steps to this end would probably be speedily taken.

THE vote in the lower house of Congress on the passage of the Centennial Appropriation bill was as follows:

Yeas—Adams, Bagby, Baker (N. Y.), Ballou, Banks, Banning, Barnum, Bass, Blaine, Blair, Bliss, Bradley, Brown (Kan.), Burleigh,Ason, Caswell, Chapin, Chittenden, Clymer, Crapo, Crounse, Culer, Danford, Darrall, Davy, Dennison, Dobbins, Dunnell, Eames, Egbert, Ellis, Farwell, Forney, Foster, Freeman, Frost, Frye, Garfield, Gause, Gibson, Hale, Hancock, Haralson, Hardenbergh, Harris (Mass.), Harrison, Hathorn, Hewitt (N. Y.), Hill, Hoar, Hoge, Hopkins, Hubbell, Hunter, Hurlbut, Hyman, Jencks, Jones (Ky.), Kasson, Kelley, Ketchum, King, Lamar, Landers (Conn.), Lane, Lapham, Lawrence, Lawrence, Levy, Lindsey, Mackey (S. C.), Mackey (Pa.), Magoon, Marsh McDougall, McCrary, McDill, Mead, Miller, Money, Monroe, Morey, Morgan, Mutchler, Nash, Norcross, O'Brien, Oliver, O'Neill, Page, Phillips (Kan.), Pierce, Piper, Plaisted, Platt, Powell, Pratt, Purman, Rainey, Randall, Reagan, Reilly, Robbins (Pa.), Robbins (N. C.), Roberts, Ross (N. J.), Ross (Pa.), Sampson, Schleicher, Schumaker, Seelye, Sinnickson, Slemons, Small, Smith (Pa.), Strait, Stowell, Swan, Tarbox, Tooze, Thompson, Throckmorton, Townsend (N. Y.), Townsend (Pa.), Van Voorhees, Waddell, Wallace (S.C.), Wallace (Pa.), Walls, Ward, Warren, Wells (Mo.), Wells (Miss.), Wheeler, Whitehouse, Whiting, Wright, Williams (N. Y.), A. S. Williams (Mich.), Williams (Wis.), Wilshire, Wood (Pa.), Wood (N. Y.), Woodburn, Woodworth, Young—185.

Nays—Ainsworth, Anderson, Ashe, Atkins, Bagley, J. H., Bagley, G. A., Baker (Ind.), Beebe, Ball, Blackburn, Bland, Blount, Boone, Bradford, Bright, Brown (Ky.), Buckner, Burchard (Ill.), Burchard (Wis.), Cabell, Caldwell, (Ala.), Caldwell (Tenn.) Campbell, Candler, Cannon, Cate, Caulfield, Clark (Ky.), Clark, (Mo.), Cochrane, Collins, Conger, Cook, Cowan, Cox, Culberson, Davis, DeBolt, Dibrell, Douglass, Durham, Eden, Evans, Faulkner, Felton, Fort, Franklin, Fuller, Glover, Goode, Goodwin, Gunter, Hamilton (Ind.), Harris (Ga.), Harris (Va.), Hartridge, Harrisell, Hatcher, Haymond, Hendee, Henderson, Henkle, Hereford, Hewitt (Ala.), Holman, Hooker, Hoskins, House, Houton, Hurd, Jones (N. H.), Joyce, Kehr, Kimball, Knott, Landers (Ind.), Lewis, Lord, Lynde, McFarland, McMahon, Metcalf, Milliken, Mills, Morrison, Neal, New, Phelps, Phillips (Mo.), Popleton, Potter, Rea, Rice, Riddle, Robinson, Rusk, Savage, Sayler, Scales, Sheakly, Singleton, Smith (Ga.), Southard, Sparks, Spriggs, Stenger, Stevenson, Stone, Terry, Thomas, Thornburgh, Tucker, Tufts, Turney, Vance (Ohio), Vance (N. C.), Waldron, Walser (Va.), Walling, Walsh, Whitthorn, Wike, Willard, Willis, Williams (Ill.), Williams (Ind.), Williams, W. B. (Mich.), Willis, Wilson (W. Va.), Wilson (Iowa), Yeates—130.

—M. Pupka, of Vienna, has published an account of his experiments in lining steam boilers with sheets of copper in order to hinder incrustation. He states that of the three plates which formed the bottom of a locomotive boiler the two at the ends were covered with a sheet of copper .04 inch in thickness, the middle one being left bare, and the machine was used steadily for two years, and in districts where the water is of excessively bad quality. On removing the tubes a layer of incrustation four inches thick was found on the iron surface, while a deposit varying from only .08 to .12 inch thick appeared on the copper. The iron also was found corroded in many places to a depth of .02 inch, but the copper had remained perfectly clean and bright. M. Pupka states that the texture of the incrustation showed grains of a larger size on the iron than on the copper.

—The Grand Jury at Jacksonville, Fla., makes the following disclosures: "We find that there are three prisoners in the jail who have been there nearly two years for the pitiful sum of $10 costs each. These prisoners have cost the county nearly $900. We recommend that the County Commissioners pay the fines, release the prisoners and thereby save money for the county."

EPITOME OF THE WEEK.

CONDENSED TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

IT was reported in Constantinople on the 22d that the Porte had accepted Count Andrassey's proposal for the pacification of the disturbed provinces.

AN Austrian army of observation numbering 50,000 has been recently ordered to the Dalmatian frontier to await emergencies.

THE Spanish Ministry has secured a large majority in the new Cortes. The minority number seventy.

A NEW YORK telegram of the 22d states that news had been received from Havana that a force led by Henry Reeves, 2,500 strong, had invaded Sagua County within the previous week and destroyed sugar estates, some of which were valued at $2,000,000 each. Sagua La Chica, at the mouth of the river of that name, where there were warehouses with 1,600 hogsheads of Muscovado sugar, had been burned and all the sugar consumed. The estate Cayoespino of Senor Nugarica was in the hands of the rebels and of course destroyed. It was located on the south side of the island, while Sagua County is on the north shore.

A FREIGHT train on the Cincinnati & Marietta Railroad went through an iron bridge over Spring Grove avenue, in the northern limits of Cincinnati, a few days ago, killing three men, wounding two, and totally wrecking the bridge, locomotive and eleven freight cars.

COPIES of the correspondence between Secretary Fish and Minister Cushing and other foreign Ministers of the United States were transmitted by the President to the House of Representatives on the 21st. The correspondence chiefly consists in a rescript of the note to Mr. Cushing, the tone of which does not materially differ from that part of the President's message relative to the Cuban question. Nothing is given of the replies received from European Governments to the advisory circular forwarded by Secretary Fish, and no allusion is made to any correspondence with the Spanish Government direct since Nov. 5, 1875, the date of the note to Mr. Cushing.

THE New York *Sunday Mercury* of the 23d publishes a statement to the effect that a body of representative Congregationalists was being organized for an investigation of the Beecher scandal, and would be composed of the most eminent men in the denomination, who will inquire into the fitness of Mr. Beecher to remain a Congregational minister. The movers are said to be the Rev. Dr. Leonard Bacon, of New Haven, the Rev. Dr. L. C. Bartlett, of the Chicago Congregational Seminary, and the Rev. Dr. Henry M. Dexter, of Boston.

A MAN named Edward Williams, who, together with a Mrs. Meling, had been arrested for the murder of the latter's husband, was taken from the jail on the night of the 22d, at Barboursville, West Va., and hanged by a mob. He confessed to the crime. Mrs. Meling was also threatened with a like fate, but finally spared. She confessed to repeated attempts to poison her husband, and accused herself of being the cause of the murder by Williams, but begged pitifully for her life.

THE Russian Imperial Academy has elected Prof. Newcomb, of the Naval Observatory at Washington, Prof. Gould, of the Argentine Republic, and Prof. Whitney, of New Haven, as corresponding members.

A GERMAN squadron consisting of three iron-clads and one tender will visit Philadelphia in July.

A MADRID telegram of the 24th says: Spain had instructed her diplomatic representatives to other Governments to inform the various courts that after the defeat of the Carlists, which is shortly expected, she hoped to be able to make quick work of the Cuban insurgents.

THE Jackson (Tenn.) *Whig and Tribune* announces the recent assassination of "Dock Mangum, a noted guerrilla on the Federal side during the war."

IT was reported on the 24th that the town of Paris, Ky., was sadly financially depressed. A number of firms had been compelled to suspend business, and it was thought that fifteen or twenty prominent houses in the city and county would be crippled by the crash.

THE election on the 18th of United States Senator by the Iowa Legislature, having been held one week too soon to comply with the law of Congress requiring such election to be held on the second Tuesday after the organization of the Legislative body, a second election was held on the 25th, which resulted, as before, in the choice of Gov. Kirkwood.

A MADRID telegram of the 25th says that of 406 deputies elected to the Cortes, thirty are supporters of Sagasta, ten Clericals, one Cantonalist, one Moderate Republican (Senor Castelar) and 364 Ministerialists.

IT is now stated that the Mrs. Mackenzie whose elopement from Montreal with young Brydges occurred recently, was the wife of Henry Mackenzie, a wealthy ship-owner—not Sir Hugh Mackenzie as first reported. She is a niece of Sir Hugh Allan, proprietor of the Allan line of steamers.

PRESIDENT GRANT on the 25th replied to the resolution of the House of Representatives, adopted on the 22d, by stating that no correspondence had taken place with any European Government except Spain in relation to intervention in Cuba. The correspondence recently transmitted to the House shows that our Ministers were instructed merely to read the letter of the Secretary of State, addressed to Mr. Cushing, to the Governments to which they are respectively accredited.

A BOSTON telegram of a recent date states that E. D. Winslow, a well-known journalist of that city, had been detected in heavy frauds, having obtained over $100,000 on forged paper, and that he had left for parts unknown.

A LONDON telegram of a recent date says the Canadian Government had been informed that the clause of the Dominion Parliament bill creating the Supreme Court of the Dominion which debars an appeal to the Privy Council of England, must be repealed.

A VIENNA dispatch of the 26th says the Austrian Foreign office had recently intimated to Mr. Orth, the United States Minister, its desire to have a copy of Secretary Fish's note to Mr. Cushing. Mr. Orth telegraphed the fact to Washington and asked for instructions. The American Government declined to allow a copy to be given.

IT was announced at Berlin on the 26th that the insurgent leaders in Herzegovina had rejected all proposals for peace, and declared their intention to vigorously prosecute the war against Turkey.

AT Charlestown, W. Va., on the 25th, two men named Dawson and Estep, in jail for the murder of a man named Lee, were hanged by a mob. After they were taken from the jail, another prisoner named Hines, who had killed a colored man named Dooley, was demanded by, and given up to, a number of colored citizens, who proceeded with him to the woods and there lynched him by hanging.

A. C. HESING and Jacob Rehm were among the parties indicted by the Grand Jury of the United States District Court in Chicago on the 26th for conspiracy in connection with whisky frauds.

A GALVESTON (Texas) dispatch of the 26th says a revolution had been started in the northern and central portions of Mexico, near the Rio Grande, and that Gen. Hererra had pronounced for the movement, and surprised the authorities at Parras.

THE Kansas Republican State Convention to select delegates to the National Convention is to be held at Topeka on the 24th of May.

Two workmen in a factory at North Adams, Mass., were blown to pieces on the 26th by an explosion of nitro-glycerine.

IN a recent financial article the London *Times* declares that the direct cable has repeatedly been cut by malicious parties, and that the knowledge of this lawlessness has been used for stock-jobbing purposes.

REV. JOHN RUSSELL, of Detroit, Secretary of the National Committee of the Prohibitionists, has issued a call for a convention to be held at Cleveland, May 17, for the nomination of President and Vice-President of the United States, every State being entitled to two delegates for every member it sends to Congress.

AT a recent meeting in Chicago of the American Poultry Association, Charles A. Sweet, of Buffalo, N. Y., was chosen President, and Edward S. Ralph, Secretary and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Messrs. John E. Diehl, of Philadelphia, Philander Williams, of Taunton, Mass., and Edward L. Lamb, of Chicago, were elected as Centennial Committee to superintend the show at the Philadelphia Exposition.

A RECENT Vienna special says committees had been formed in seven Servian cities, including Belgrade, having for their avowed object the dethronement of Prince Milan.

THE Bavarian Minister of War has been stringently admonished from Berlin to discontinue the exemption from conscription hitherto accorded to priests and theological students.

THE London *Daily News* of the 27th states that writs had been served on Gen. Schenck, the American Minister, Albert Grant and others known as the promoters of the Emma Mining Company.

THE National Woman's Suffrage Association assembled in annual convention at Washington on the 27th, Mrs. M. J. Gage presiding. The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Olympia Brown. Fred Douglass made a speech in favor of woman suffrage.

A NUMBER of the parties indicted in Milwaukee for whisky frauds plead guilty on the 26th, having withdrawn their former pleas of not guilty.

Senator Patterson, of South Carolina, was advised on the 26th that the Secretary of State had issued certificates to Moses and Whipper as Circuit Judges of that State, and that the latter would be sworn in under this certificate at the proper time. These are the two men whom Gov. Chamberlain declined to commission after their election by the State Legislature.

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

SATURDAY, Jan. 22.—Senate not in session....The House adopted resolutions—directing the Committee on Appropriations to inquire into the expediency of making any appropriation for the support of the Sioux Indians, and also into the right of having white men excluded from the Black Hills country; requesting the President to impart to the House any communications which may have passed between the Government of the United States and any European Government besides Spain, in regard to the Island of Cuba. The Centennial Appropriation bill was further considered in Committee of the Whole.

MONDAY, Jan. 2.—Several petitions of citizens of Ohio, etc., were presented in the Senate asking for aid in the construction of the Texas Pacific Railroad, as also were various petitions of citizens of Wisconsin asking for an appropriation in behalf of the Wisconsin and Fox River improvement. The report of the Committee of the Alabama Legislature, and the testimony taken by the committee in regard to the election of George E. Spencer as United States Senator, were presented and referred. A bill was introduced to establish a mint for the coinage of gold and silver at Denver, Colorado. Referred. Mr. Morton the papers purporting to be the credentials of Mr. Eustis, of Louisiana, were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. The resolution providing for an investigation of the books and accounts of the Treasury Department was taken up and Mr. Davis spoke in reply to the remarks of Mr. Boutwell on the subject, after which the resolution was amended so as to refer the matter to the Finance Committee, and the resolution as amended was passed. The bill to provide for a commission on the subject of the traffic in alcoholic liquors was debated ... A large number of bills were introduced in the House, the more important of which were the following: Bill to make the legal-tender debt of the United States; to provide for the cheap transportation of freight between the Atlantic and the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys; preparatory to the redemption of United States notes and the resumption of specie payments; to provide means of cheap transportation on the interior waters. A resolution was adopted directing the Secretary of the Treasury to report to the House the amount of specie in the Treasury on the 31st of December, 1875, and the amount of silver purchased under the provisions of the act of Jan 14, 1875, providing for the resumption of specie payments. Resolutions were adopted—instructing the Committee on Civil Service Reform to inquire into any abuses or frauds which may exist in the administration and execution of existing laws affecting any branch of the public service; instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire whether improper and fraudulent means were resorted to to influence legislation on the Texas Pacific Railroad bill of March 3, 1871.

TUESDAY, Jan. 25.—A petition was presented in the Senate on the 25th, signed by a large number of ladies, asking for the establishment of a government in the District of Columbia which will confer upon women the right to vote. The bill to provide for the appointment of a commission on the subject of the manufacture of and traffic in alcoholic and fermented liquors was amended and passed. A petition was presented from citizens of Wisconsin, asking an amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the abolition of the Senate, and transfer of the powers of that body to the House of Representatives....A bill was passed in the House providing that, except in a case of permanent specific disability, no increase of a pension shall be allowed to commence prior to the date of the Examining Surgeon's certificate, and repealing the law which makes bounty land warrants personal property. The Centennial Appropriation bill was taken up in Committee of the Whole, and, after debate and the adoption of an amendment requiring the payment in full to the Treasury of any balance that may be left in the hands of the Finance Committee before any dividends or percentage of profits be paid to stockholders, was reported to the House and passed—yeas 146, nays 13).

WEDNESDAY, June 26.—The Senate passed the House bills transferring the custody of certain Indian trust funds from the Secretary of the Interior to the Treasurer of the United States, and amendatory of the Revised Statutes relating to naturalization. A memorial in behalf of Mr. Eustis, claiming the Senatorship from Louisiana, and signed by several members of the Senate of that State, was presented and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. The House Centennial bill was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.... Bills were passed in the House—prohibiting clerks or employes in any department of the Government prosecuting claims or applications for patents; to amend Sec. 4,898 of the Revised Statutes in relation to the assignment of patents; providing that all third-class matter may be carried in the mails in packages not exceeding four pounds in weight each, at the rate of one cent for every two ounces or fraction thereof. The Military Academy Appropriation bill ($23,211) was considered in Committee of the Whole.

THURSDAY, Jan. 27.—In the Senate, Mr. Boutwell presented a report prepared by the Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department, and submitted to the Secretary in December, 1872, in regard to erroneous practices in accounting in the Treasury, which have grown up in usage, or have been authorized by law, and moved to have it printed, which was agreed to. A bill was passed—14 to 9—to confirm pre-emption and homestead entries of public lands within the limits of railroad grants in cases where such entries had been made under the regulations of the Land Department....In the House, a bill was passed prohibiting Government officers, clerks or employes acting as counsel, attorneys or agents, or being interested in any form for prosecuting either claims or patents, application for which was pending while they were such clerks or employes; also, that any Government officer recognizing such person in any such application shall be discharged from service. The Military Academy Appropriation bill was further considered in Committee of the Whole.

THE MARKETS.

JANUARY 29, 1876.

NEW YORK.

LIVE STOCK.—Beef Cattle—$9.50@12.75. Hogs—Live, $7.62½@8.00. Sheep—Live, $4.50@7.00.

BREAD-TUFFS.—Flour—Good to choice, $5.40@5.90; white wheat extra, $5.95@7.75. Wheat—No. 2 Chicago, $1.23@1.25; No. 2 Milwaukee spring, $1.24@1.26. Rye—Western and State, 86@88c. Barley—90@95c. Corn—Mixed Western, 63@63½c. Oats—Mixed Western, 46@49c.

PROVISIONS.—Pork—Mess, $20.75@21.00. Lard—Prime Steam, 12¼@12½c. Cheese—6@12½c.

WOOL.—Domestic Fleece, 42@65c.

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LIVE STOCK.—Beeves—Choice, $5.25@5.75; good, $4.70@5.00; medium, $4.25@4.40; butchers' stock, $3.00@4.00; stock cattle, $3.25@3.75. Hogs—Live, $7.75@7.85. Sheep—Good to choice, $4.50@5.00.

PROVISIONS.—Butter—Choice, 25@30c. Eggs—Fresh, 17@18c. Pork—Mess, $19.20@19.25. Lard—$11.95@12.00.

BREADSTUFFS.—Flour—White Winter Extra, $4.75@7.50; spring extra, $4.00@5.25. Wheat—Spring, No. 2, 98@98½c. Corn—No. 2, 41¼@41¾c. Oats—No. 2, 30¼@31c. Rye—No. 2, 67@67½c. Barley—No. 2, 80@81c.

LUMBER.—First and Second Clear, $40.00@42.00; Common Boards, $21.00@12.00; Fencing, $12.00@13.00; "A" Shingles, $2.50@3.00; Lath, $1.75@2.00.

EAST LIBERTY.

LIVE STOCK.—Beeves—Fest, $6.00@6.50; medium, $4.75@5.25. Hogs—Yorkers, $7.35@7.50; Philadelphias, $7.60@7.90. Sheep—Best, $5.50@6.40; medium, $5.00@5.75.

Bill to Protect Settlers on Certain Public Lands.

The following is the full text of the bill passed by the United States Senate, Jan. 27, to confirm the pre-emption and homestead entries of public lands within the limits of railroad grants in cases where such entries had been made under the regulations of the Land Department:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all pre-emption and homestead entries or entries in compliance with any law of the United States of public lands, made in good faith by actual settlers upon tracts of land of not more than 160 acres each, within the limits of any land grant prior to the time when notice of withdrawal of lands embraced in such grant was received at the local land office of the district in which such lands are situated, or after their restoration to market by order of the General Land Office, and where the pre-emption and homestead laws have been complied with and proper proofs thereof been made by parties holding such tracts or parcels, they shall be confirmed, and patents for the same shall issue to the parties entitled thereto.

Sec. 2. That when at the time of such withdrawal as aforesaid, a valid pre-emption or homestead claim existed upon any lands within the limits of any such grants, which afterward were abandoned, and under decisions and rulings of the Land Department were re-entered by pre-emption or homestead claimants who have complied with the laws governing pre-emption or homestead entries, or shall make the proper proofs required under such laws, such entries shall be deemed valid, and patents shall issue therefor to the persons entitled thereto.

Sec. 3. That all such pre-emption and homestead entries which may have been made by permission of the Land Department, or in pursuance of the rules and instructions thereof, within the limits of any land grant at a time subsequent to the expiration of such grant, shall be deemed valid, and a compliance with the laws and the making of the proof required shall entitle the holder of such claim to a patent therefor.

More of Thomas' Devilitry.

APROPOS of the theory advanced to show the participation of the dynamite monster, Thomas, in the mysterious disappearance of the steamer City of Boston, of which not the least clew has even been found, we give herewith a narrative furnished to us from a reliable source. It will be recollected that the ill-fated ship left New York in March, 1870. Two months previously a man corresponding to the description given of Thomas sought and obtained a private interview with Senor Allaro, agent at that time of the Cuban Republic, in the course of which he unfolded a most diabolical scheme to injure the Spanish navy by means of dynamite lodged in a thick, tubular glass receptacle, and carefully covered with a coat of coal preparation. This, it was proposed, should be placed in the interior of lumps of coal, bored for the purpose, and the hole imperceptibly sealed with the coal preparation. These could be introduced clandestinely into Havana, and with great precaution scattered in with the coal supply of the navy, and in whatever furnace the lumps chanced to fall the ship would be inevitably destroyed, with all on board. The proposal was referred to Senor Morales Lemus, the general diplomatic agent, who rejected it at once as a scheme which would result in the wholesale slaughter of innocent persons, not only Spaniards, but of other nationalities, as the coal is kept in a large yard opposite the city, from which all steamers touching there take a supply—English, French and German, as well as Spanish. The torpedo models were exhibited in pieces of coal picked at random from a pile of the fuel. The interior of the cavity was polished smooth with emery to reduce the risk of explosion by chafing while introducing the charge. The shell after it was filled and closed with a plug of brass was dropped into a boiling mixture of coal-tar, pulverized coal and rosin or beeswax, and then instantly transferred to a bucket of ice-water. The result was a coating about three-quarters of an inch thick, and the deadly contrivance, after the gloss wore off, had the exact appearance of coal in weight, smell and color. A diagram of the projectile was exhibited by the stranger, and a note descriptive of it accompanied the design. When his proposition was rejected he left, and was never seen or heard of again by the Cuban gentlemen.—*N. Y. Graphic.*

—The Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church report that on Dec. 1 the receipts for the eight months of the year had been $104,970, against the sum of $134,294 during the same time the previous year. The receipts of the sustentation fund are $13,540, against $22,634 the previous year. The debt of the Home Mission Board is $100,000. The General Assembly's Committee on Freedmen report the receipts from April 1 to Dec. 1 as $20,155, against $18,258 last year.

SENSE AND NONSENSE.

AGAIN fashion favors feather fans.

ROCKS and shoals—Divers' and sun-dry places.

MOTTO for a seamstress: As I sew so shall I reap.

A CANNIBAL'S joy—To live and move, and have his being—his fellow-being.

PROPERTY cannot be transferred on Sunday. The better the day the worse the deed.

NEXT to an overdue steamer, an over-due note causes most anxiety.—*Lowell Courier.*

A WELL-KNOWN cook-book classifies milk as a "vegetable." Perhaps because it a pump-kin.

DONALDSON'S heirs have come to the conclusion that he is dead, and they want his estate divided.

WHAT'S the use of learning to write when an "X, his mark," is just as good in law as the full name of the person.

LEARN to say *No*. No necessity for snapping it out dog-fashion, but when it is right say it *firmly* and respectfully.

ONLY forty years ago a college for girls would have been laughed at everywhere; now these institutions dot the civilized world.

EMMA HOISINGTON, of Springfield, Mass., has attended Sunday-school for nine years and has not missed a single session.

LANDIS was insane, too. O dear! The only safe thing for an editor to do is to shoot the first man that comes in.—*N. Y. Graphic.*

PROCTOR, the astronomer, says that the moon is dead. Sorry to hear it; she was as good a moon as you could find in a night's travel.

"DO GENIUS and debt always go together?" asks the Brooklyn *Argus*. Well, everybody knows it dreadful easy for a great man to run in debt.

A GORILLA has just died in the Philadelphia Zoological Gardens, regardless of the Centennial. There never was any patriotism about those gorillas.

SOME of the Virginia mountain-tops are beginning to shake and roar around so that it looks as though America may yet have a volcano or two of her own.

DAME FASHION declares that the style of wearing jewelry on the streets is obsolete. Ear-rings and lockets are the fast to go, and in their place a display of costly buttons is being made.

A CHICAGO financier says that if every family will deposit $10,000 in the bank on the birth of each child such children will be sure of an inheritance when they grow up. Nothing plainer than that.

NEW YORK State is also to have a law against pointing unloaded deadly weapons at a person. The pointing isn't the point. What the country wants is an injunction to prevent these unloaded weapons from shooting off.

BOSTON has reduced the economical management of municipal affairs to a science. The *Journal* of that city says that, with a few minor exceptions, the city "gets a dollar's worth of work for every hundred expended on public improvements."

BRIGHAM YOUNG has prohibited his wives and daughters from taking part in round dancing. He thinks it is not the square thing. The prophet has also decreed that all balls and parties given in the ward school-houses shall begin at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and close at 10 in the evening.

A COUPLE of young ladies at Northford, Conn., amused themselves, the other night, by caterwauling on a shed in the rear of the house where a "brother of them" was vainly trying to sleep. The brother saw through the trick and discharged a gun out of his window. They set up an immense squeal and rolled in concert down the roof.

A CORRESPONDENT, an ardent admirer of Bryant, inquires of us the meaning of "Thanatopsis." It is Latin for death. When Brutus, the first temporary lunatic, slew Cæsar, he remarked to his sister, "Jule is deader Than-a-top, sis," and this simple simile has been used to express that condition in which, like an expiring top, man is unable to go around.—*N. Y. Graphic.*

HOW TO KILL TIME.—First catch your time—by the forelock, if possible. Then hold him tight. Then pinch him well. Then give him one for his nob, and let the one be a good one. Then knock him down. Then kick him from the rear. Then make faces at him. Then pull his nose. Then sit on his head. Then ask him if he's had enough now, or will wait till he gets it? If he don't answer you may safely conclude that you have killed him.—*Judy.*

ANYONE having a doubt as to the manner in which our bay is becoming rapidly depopulated of the finny tribe, says the San Francisco *Post*, has only to pay a visit to Sausalito to see the beach strewn for nearly a mile with spawn rotting by thousands. The fine nets of the Chinese fishermen, which allow nothing to escape, are responsible for this state of things, and if something is not done soon to put a stop to this wholesale destruction our waters will be shortly as destitute of fish as a Highlander of pants.

A DETROITER got home at midnight, the other night, with a black eye and a boozy step; and, as his wife met him at the head of the stairs, she exclaimed: "Why, you've been fighting." "Yes'm," he meekly replied, as he leaned on the rail. "And some one has blackened one of your eyes," she continued, as the t