CURRENT COMMENT.

PADDY RYAN, the pugilist, was recently refused a liquor license in New York.

Aw Indian doctor in Utah was stoned to death recently by his tribe for having failed to cure a patient placed under his charge.

NEARLY every member of the present French ministry has been a journalist. Sir William Harcourt is the only present English minister who has been connected with a newspaper.

A ROSE tree planted by Charlemagne to one of the curiosities of Hildesheim, in Hanover. The main stem is as thick as a man's body, and it is still vigorous despite its thousand years of age.

GENERAL GRANT is sent each month by the Army Paymaster at New York a check for \$1,133.33, being one-twelfth of his annual salary as General on the zetired list of the army.

THE number of railroad accidents in the United States during 1884 is given at 1.191. Of these 445 were collisions and 681 derailments. Sixty-five are recorded as "various." There were in all 389 persons killed and 8,760 infured.

THE brewery establishments of Milwaukee have got control of no less than five hundred retail liquor stores, and have recently consulted several prominent lawyers regarding their right to retail their own product without paying a local license.

Ir was said that the only foundation for the report that shots were fired at the train in which President Cleveland was returning from Gettysburg to Washington was the fact that a man on the cars discharged a pistol which

THE Railroad Guzette reports a total troops to suppress the revolt. of three hundred and eight miles of new track thus far reported for the current year. The new track reported to the corresponding date for three years past has been: 1884, 595 miles; treaty is said to confer on the United States 1883, 1,071 miles; 1882, 2,283 miles.

THE other morning a desperate burglar compelled Mr. Charles Ray, a Milwankee millionaire, at the point of a revolver to give up what money and jewelry there were in the house. then escaped, and was thought to be in Chicago. Mr. Ray's residence was "burglar-proof" until the intruder cut all the wires.

A DISPATCH recently received at the Post-office Department at Washington | that objection will be made against him beannounced the death of Postmaster Knickerbocker at Aurora, Ill. Charges of a political nature had been filed against him and vigorous efforts had been made to have him replaced by a Democrat. His nomination was confirmed February 26 last.

THE movements of the Oucen England affect certain stocks notably. A correspondent writes: "I have just seen two letters addressed by eminent banking houses in Berlin and Frankfort | The robber then killed a family of five perto a hotel proprietor at Aix, requesting him, in case her Majesty should decide to leave Aix for England via France (giving up her visit to Darmstadt) to telegraph them immediately to that effect. In each case a cipher message message is inclosed, to be, of course, used for transmitting the information, and in both cases large sums were offered for the information, as it was stated that the profits on the anticimated coup de bourse would be very large indeed. The two houses are totally distinct, and one letter seemed to have no relation to the other."

THE reduction of the force at the Philadelphia mint, recently ordered, was based on instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury, through the Director of the Mint, calling on the officers in charge of all the mints and assay offices to reduce their expenses to the lowest possible limit compatible with the needs of the services. The Superintendent of the New York assay office and the Superintendent of the mint at New Orleans have reported that the present force employed in their offices can not be reduced without intery to current business. The reduction at Philadelphia was made possible by the suspending of the coinage of arbitrator of the dispute between England deadly weapons were freely used. oins. A similar large reducsion of force has been made at Carson City. Nev., where coinage operations have been temporarily suspended. At the burning of Colon and were held prison-The suggestion of the Superintendent ers on the Galena, were recently delivered of the San Francisco mint the force to the Colombian authorities, and after a

THE Supreme Court of Appeals of Wirginia recently decided an interesting ease touching the inviolability of fam-By grave-yards. In 1872, Benjamin T. Bonn, of Michigan, purchased of John T. Sublett a farm in Goochland Counon the farm was the old family grave-yard, containing about threewarters of an acre of ground. In alling the farm no reservation was made of this piece of ground. Benn tare down the walls inclosing it and shed the slabs over the graves. The section was converted into a hog-A suit was at once instituted by and five hundred dollars for dammiting in a verdict against Benn. The Court of Appeals affirmed this ment, and said that while no resera of the burial ground had been amily and all their d

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

A Summary of the Daily News. Pa.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL GENERAL McDowell, the well-known army officer, died at San Francisco at mid-

night on the 4th. SIR PETER LUESDEN, the English Commissioner, has been recalled to London, for the purpose of advising the Government on the technical points of the Afghanistan

lor to be Naval Officer of Customs at San through the heart. Francisco, and William D. N. Hunter to be Collector of Internal Revenue for the Sixth District of Indiana.

NELSON ACERS has been appointed Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of Kansas, vice John C. Carpenter, sus-EUGENE P. SYKES has been appointed

Collector for the District of Mississippi, vice James Hill, suspended. S. E. HAMBERLIN, one of the Special

Agents of the Treasury Department, recently relieved by Secretary Manning, has been appointed Special Inspector of Cus-HON. ALLEN POTTER, an ex-member of

Congress and a former Mayor of Kalama-200, Mich., died recently in that city. THE President declined the invitation of ing the session of the Commercial Convention, the latter part of May. The President's official duties would not permit him to leave Washington.

QUEEN EMMA, of the Sandwich Islands died on April 25th. ROBERT M. McLANE, the United States

Minister to France arrived at Paris on

MISCELLANEOUS.

MAXWELL, the alleged murderer Preller at the Southern Hotel, St. Louis. was arrested on the arrival of the steamer at Auckland, New Zealand. He protested against his arrest.

Four of the Lee gang of desperadoes who recently killed four officers near Gainesville, Tex., have been arrested and

to settle the difficulty with England, and in Brooklyn, N. Y., recently and then took considered it a concession to DeGiers' fire. Many of the bodies recovered from pacific policy. ADVICES from China report disorders in THE President recently made the follow

St. Petersburg newspapers were an-

a treaty had been concluded between the Government at Bogota and the Minister of the United States with respect to the security of transit across the isthmus. This the United States to Hayti.

of all transit either by mail or canal across the isthmus fo Panama. It was stated at the Post-Office Department in Washington that Postmaster Palmer of Chicago was removed for "offensive partisanship." The Postmaster General said Palmer was an active worker in the recent campaign and one of those Republicans whose continuance was not

deemed advisable by the administration. THE State Department has not received any protest from the Austrian Government concerning the appointment of Minister Keiley to Vienna. The cable rumor cause his wife is a Jewess, finds no cre-

dence in administration circles. Numerous attachments were being put upon the Bankers' & Merchants' Telegraph Company at New York, and the wires from that city to Fall River were attached. RICHARD SHORT, recently on trial in New

York for a murderous assault on Captain Phelan, was acquitted by the jury. The Judge expressed his astonishment at the

Ar Bonito, fifteen miles from Fort Stanton, N. M., a robber named Martin Nelson shot and killed W. H. Flynn, a physician. sons named Maybury, who were alarmed by the firing. The assassin also slew a neighbor and a guard named Herman Beck. and was then himself shot dead. Nelson

was originally from Nebraska. THE Army of the Potomac met in Baltimore on the 6th. General Grant was reelected Commander with great enthusiasm. Considerable feeling was manifested over a resolution to admit the R. E. Lee Camp of ex-Confederates to the convention, some of the Union veterans violently opposing such action. The ex-Confederates, however, were admitted after business and fraternized freely with the Federals.

GENERAL GRAHAM attacked the Arabe at Taichol, near Suakim, surprising them at signed his office as Foreign Minister and their cattle captured and the village

THE Government of New South Wales has invited the Governments of the other British Australian colonies to unite with it and indemnify coal dealers in the colonies from all losses sustained by them in grounds, New York, were burned recently; refusing coal to cruisers and other vessels insured. belonging to the hostile powers during the period of war or warlike difficulty with England.

A CRINESE ferry steamer was sunk by ollision with the steamer Orestes near Shanghai recently. About thirty-two passengers and seven of the crew perished. COMMISSIONER COLMAN has called a conention of representatives of the different held in Washington.

DENHARK was reported willing to act as were severely wounded. Knives and other by both of those countries.

Two rebel leaders-Portagel and Cocobolo-who advised and assisted Preston in employed there has been put on half court-martial were hanged on the scene of their exploits.

THE French Chamber of Deputies re-

France and Annam. PLEURO-PNEUMONIA has again broken

out on the ranch of Tusbie & Lake, Cynthiana, Ky., the disease attacking "Hanni Duke," a very valuable bull. MRS. ELLEN N. LIBBY, wife of Charles

Libby, who disappeared so mysteriously recently from Chicago, has died from the effect of a draught of carbolic acid. Since her husband disappeared Mrs. Libby had been very despondent and there was no doubt that she intended suicide.

THE dispute between England and Rue in was reported in a fair way of settle ment. The London Duily News mid that Lord Defferia, Vicercy of India, was in to interested against Bean to give favor of the new proposals which had ting warmed up to the work. A a agreed to between the two powers. The Tory press, however, were violently opposed to the pacific entlook, accusing the Gladstone Government of sacrificing pres-

Italians suspected of the murder of Fillippo Caruse, whose body was found recently in a trunk at the railroad depot at Pittaburgh,

THE jury in the case against Prof. H. Galmas, charged with having slapped the ears of David M. Lovey, a pupil at the West Hampton, Long Island, school in 1883, and thereby caused the boy's deafness, brought

in a verdict for \$4,000. MITCHELL ANDERSON, a Choctaw Indian. seventeen years old, was recently executed at Fort Smith, Ark., for the murder of another boy named Winchester, last summer. According to Choctaw custom, THE President has appointed Stuart Tay- Anderson was shot by the executioner

REPORTS from Cabul state that the Ameer will strongly fortify the frontier as soon as it is determined upon.

A very heavy frost was reported on the nights of May 6 and 7 generally in the Northwest. Dakota reported eleven degrees of frost and Wisconsin had ice an inch thick. Snow fell in Kansas, but melted soon after touching the ground. THE Governor of Eastern Siberia reports

that bands of armed Chinese have crossed the Russian frontier and surprised many Cossack villages. The extent of the depredations was not stated. A SENSATION was created in Buffalo, N. Y., recently by an action brought by Peter

Weller and wife against Adam and Louis Weller, their sons. The parents claimed that their sons presented documents to a Georgia delegation to visit Atlanta dur- them , which they signed, not knowing what they were, but which proved to be papers transferring an estate worth \$175,-000 to the sons. THE Anglo-German international com-

> mission was reported to have settled the colonial disputes. New Guinea goes to England, and the status of English and German colonists was to be equal under whichever flag they might be residing. A DISPATCH from Panama, of the 8th,

United States force had left for New York. THE court of inquiry into the conduct of Commander Kane at Colon reported that he acted with judgment and discretion and as well as he could under the circumstances. THE business failures for week ended May 7 were, for the United States, 225; for Canada, 23; total, 248; as compared with 208 brought in. Threats of lynching were made | the week previous. The failures in the against the outlaws and excitement was Southern and Pacific States were unusually

It was believed that over twenty-one noyed at Russia's accepting an arbitrator persons perished in the buildings that fell the ruins were mere fragments.

Kuansu, where a Mohammedan revolt has | ing appointments: George Lothrop, Mich-Chinese General Tsam has been sent with ister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Russia; Boyd Winchester, of Kentucky, It was reported at Panama recently that to be Minister Resident and Consul-General of the United States to Switzerland: J. E. W. Thompson, of New York, to be Minister Resident and Consul-General of At a meeting of the general fire insur

ance managers at Chicago to consider the Government certain rights of guardianship situation growing out of the recent Ohio enactment dissolving local boards of agent in that State, the opinion was general that it was impossible for companies to continue business in Ohio with profit. A DISASTROUS fire broke out in the lum

ber yard along the river at Chicago on the morning of the 8th, caused by sparks from a passing locomotive. Forty-five million feet of lumber and other property was destroyed, the total loss amounting to \$700,-000, principally insured. ONE of the jurors in the recent trial of

Richard Short in New York has been arrested for corruption and perjury. THE vote of confidence in the Italian Ministry was agreed to by a vote of 118 to 97 | injured. in the Chambers.

THE body of Daniel Kinney, another victim of the mine disaster at Raven Run, Pa., has been recovered. This made a total of six recovered, leaving four in the mines. JOHN POLLOCK, the striker who received a bayonet wound in the abdomen during the skirmish at Lemont, Ill., recently, has died, making three deaths from the affair. THE freight sheds of the Inman line docks, Liverpool, Eng., burned the other

THE cause of the fever ravaging Plymouth, Pa., was discovered to be due to the excreta of a family suffering from fever. The family lived near the head waters of a mountain stream supplying Plymouth with water, and the heavy rains of last March carried the cesspool into the river.

An avalanche from the mountains near lake Van, in Armenia, overwhelmed a native caravan and caused the death of sixty-eight persons.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

THE Catholic prelates recently in session at Baltimore resolved upon erecting a university at Washington, D. C. SIGNOR R. R. MANCINI, of Italy, has re-

midnight. A great number were killed, his portfolio has been taken Ly the Premier, Signor A. Depretis. THE Crittenden trial at Taylorville, Ky., resulted in a hung jury, ten for acquittal and two for imprisonment.

THE grand stand, reporters' stand and judges' stand of the Prospect Park fair

THE Chicago University was sold by the United States Marshal under a mortgage held by the Union Mutual Life Insurance Company of Maine. The only bid was \$275,000, made by the insurance company. Its total claim was about \$310,000. THE wife of Viscount Parker drowned

herself recently in the Red Sea. ANOTHER fraces occurred between Oragricultural colleges of the country to be angemen and Catholics in Conception Bay, Newfoundland. Some of the combatanta

> River, a skiff upset recently, throwing seven persons into the water. A man, a woman and a boy were drowned. The rest escaped by clinging to the overturned boat. WILLIAM WILLIS was drowned recently

by the capsizing of a yacht off Blackwell's THE clearing house returns for week ended May 9 showed a decrease of 20.7 cently adopted, by a vote of 308 to 57, the compared with the corresponding week of treaty concluded August 21, 1864, between last year. In New York the decrease was \$7.6; in Kansas City the increase was 28.3; in Pittsburgh the decrease was 58.0.

A ner named Hibbard, aged sixteen swallowed a trade dellar at Milwaukee recently. His condition was reported un-

THE strike of the Paris tailors failed, the strikers being in want of funds. Tur laying of the new Havana cable has

GENERAL MIDDLETON had an engage ment with Riel's adherents at Batouche's halled out of the houses and other pi where they sought refuge. Fighting all day. The Canadians were reported getsee and was short of am

THE Newfoundland scaler Young Prince Gulf of St. Lawrence April 19. She mak

Tex London Times thinks Canada has a

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

Some weeks ago the twelve-year-old som of Mrs. R. S. Williams, of Omaha, was bitten on the hand by a vicious dog. The other day be was taken ill, and when a physician was called be found the little fellow raving with an attack of hydrophobia.

NORTH BEND reports two sensations: L. B. Measenger, Vice-President of the Bank of North Bend, left recently for Chicago with a car load of fat cattle belonging to Morse, Rogers & Co., and has not been seen since. Before leaving home, it is said, place, disappeared a few days previous with about \$25,000, and it is said he left debts to the amount of \$10,000.

HOWARD LOVEJOY, who had been dodging Nebraska officers for a number of vears, was recently captured in Chicago. President Hayes appointed Howard Lovejoy Receiver of the United States land office at Niobrara, saving at the time that Lovejoy was an old army friend of his. He had been known as a very dissipated atan, but promised to do better if given a chance. He had much trouble in giving the required bond but finally succeeded. After holding the office two years, Lovejoy suddenly disappeared, and on examination it was discovered that his accounts with the Government were about \$13,000 short. His bondsmen were sued in the United States District Court and last fall a judgment was rendered against them for the full amount. Detectives have a long time been working on the case and only suceeded in finding him a few days ago.

It is hinted that some irate husband or father, whose wife or daughter would persist in going to the Lincoln skating rink more about the recent burning of that institution than he cares to tell.

stated that 400 officers and men of the THE musical event of the season is to be he Sangerfest at Lincoln the last week in June. The mammoth sketing rink had been secured, but since its destruction it is thought it will be difficult to secure a suitable building for the occasion.

> CHADRC : a having a great beem. Est .mates of its present population are placed as high as three thousand. THE school house at Jackson, Dakota, County, burned recently, entailing a loss of

300 over the insurance. It is said that a Jefferson County man while recently boring a well, at a depth of 125 feet struck a vein of water that is hot enough to scald. The odor that arises

THE Secretary of the Interior has submitted to the President for his approval the assignments of lands made to the Indians on the Santee Sloux reservation in reservation was opened to settlement by order of President Arthur, February 9 last. and the lands could be entered upon after May 15. Under the order forty-two thousand acres of fine lands were restored to the

public domain. THE four-year-old son of Commissioner Johnson of Dodge County, had a narrow escape recently. He was under a railroad bridge and stuck his head up through the timbers as a train passed over. Part of by which six men were badly torn and

his scalp was lifted. On the night of the 6th a remarkably heavy frost prevailed throughout Nebraska. In various places ice formed a sixteenth to an eighth of an inch in thickness. Considerable damage was done to fruit blossoms, early plants and vegetables and flowers, but the small grain was not

THE Nebraska State Medical Association meets in Grand Island May 25, and will hold a five days' session. It is stated that George W. Woolsey, of Elk Creek, set out 2,225 trees and shrubs

on Arbor Day. THE coming Sængerfest, at Lincoln. promises to be one of the best ever haid in the State. The dates are June 23, 24, 25, 26 add 27. Singing societies with a membership of 1,500 are expected from cities in

Kansas, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska. CONGRESSMAN DORSEY notifies the young men of the Third District that a competitive examination of candidates desiring to enter the Annapolis Naval Academy will be held at Fremont June 11. A committee will examine all candidates, and Mr. Dorsey will recommend for appointment the one best qualified for admission. Candidates must be over fourteen and under

eighteen years of age and physically sound. GRADING gangs are already at work on the new B. & M. extention from Holdregto Ogalalla. The purpose of the company evidently is to have this branch completed in time for the fall stock business. RUSHVILLE is reported to be laying the

wires to capture the county seat of Sheridan County. THE sensational dispatch giving detailof an alleged row at Trenton and the kill ing of four men, turns out to be a Joe Mul-

hattan story. A SECTION of the Platte River bridge at Fremont, which successfully buffeted the spring freshet, dropped into the river the other day under the weight of a herd of

attle. FORT NIOBRARA will soon be garrisoned by campanies of the Ninth Cavalry. This is the colored regiment.

Surr has been entered in the United States Court at Lincoln by the holders o certain Midland Pacific bonds issued by Lancaster County, to compel the payment of the same. The County Commissioners have engaged counsel and will resist pay ment on the ground that the bonds were

issued without authority of law. THE spring round-up of children in indicated production of winter wheat to Grand Island showed fifteen hundred and about 240,000,000 bushels. The condition

W. E. Jones, the Omaha hotel keeper. has not been heard from since shoting his cook, but it is supposed be has lodged omewhere in lows.

Population of Valentine 1,000. THE other day J. Q. Davis entered the office of Dr. J. M. Lucas, a Lincoln dentist, and shot at him. Lucas caught the man's arm, turning the revolver so that the bul-let missed its aim and went through a window sash. Davis then drew a knife and Lucas, catching the arm, a desperate struggle easted, but the combatants were toparated by a policeman before any harm was done. Davis claims that Lucas mate an assault upon his wife atout a year age. previous to her marriage. He was in New Mexico and brooded over the matter until he concluded that he ought to kill Lucas,

and returned to do it. WEEAT and oats in Sheridan County are aid to be looking fine

True Omeha crooks confined in the Lan center County Jail, made a break for lib erty thoothernight, but ran against the numbe of a pocket gathing in the hands of the Shortff and rejects cells. The prisoners who made this break were Af. Maguire, Dug. Maguire, Los Howard and two other creaks, all repre-

H. K. HATNEY, Cashier of the ional Bank, of Omaha, has been ap ed United States Bunk Exac

A CHICAGO FIRE.

Forty five Million Feet of Lumber Burned

-Loss and Insurance. CHICAGO, ILL., May 9. - Shortly after noon yeeterday a spark from a passing locomotive set fire to the heart of the great pine lumber district which lies along both sides of the south branch of the Chicago telegram he had described the Penjdeh af-River, and near the southwestern city limits. fair as an act of unprovoked aggression. Bordering upon this is a wooden built por- still be had never presumed that the infortion of the city known as Bridgeport and the Union Stock Yards, with its acres of wooden sheds and pens filled with cattle, matter of fact, within twenty-four hours he borrowed large sums of money, and hogs and sheep. A fierce wind was blowtook with him about \$40,000. John G. ing from the west, and the flames spread Smith, a prominent grain buyer of that with great rapidity. The entire fire department was called out and began fighting the flames, but the twenty or thirty streams of water which could be thrown upon them had little or no effect as far as staying their progress was concerned. The dry pine boards and shingles were piled to great heights, only narrow lanes being left between them for wagons to pase through. These narrow lanes furnished unusual facil- ment was warranted by the circumstances ities for the progress of the flames, while they broke the force of the streams of water and prevented them from PENETRATING TO THE BLAZING PINE

in the center of the pile. The news of the fire spread rapidly to the business center of the city and created much alarm lest the fire should assume proportions approaching those of the great conflagation of 1871. which came from the same direction. Great brands were carried forward by the wind setting fire to new piles, and several fire steamers and the men manning them had parrow escapes from destruction. Starting upon the west of the river the flames ate up all the lumber between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-eighth streets, an area of about 400 by 2,000 feet. It set fire to a canal boat moored at the dock, and it floated across the river, which is 180 feet wide at this point, and set fire to when she should have been at home, knows the lumber on the east bank, which covered about an equal area, and this, with one or two planing mills, was consumed. Brands were carried eastward and set fire to several small frame houses occupied by employes in the lumber district. The fire department, however, made a stand at this point and succeeded in preventing the spread of the flames into the residence diswict. The fight continued throughout the afternoon and it was nearly seven o'clock before the conflagration was

BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. having practically burned itself out to the limits of the immediate district in which it began. A heavy rain during most of the afternoon was of material assistance. The entire area burned is 870 by 2,300 feet. The aggregate of the lumber destroyed was 45,000,000 feet, valued at \$700,000. The individual losses and insurances as far as from the same is not at all agreeable, as can be learned are as follows: Chicago parties can hardly stand around the well valued at \$400,000; insurance, \$300,000; of the advance on Penideh, as valued at \$175,000; insurance, \$125,000; Adams, Hastings & Co., 5,000,000 feet of umber valued at \$85,000; insurance, \$60,-000; J. W. Henckley, planing mill; loss, Nebraska. There are about eight hundred \$26,000; insurance \$12,000; five cottages, assignments each for eighty acres. The aggregate loss about \$10,000; insurance about \$5,000,

DYNAMITE AND DISEASE.

Frightful Dynamite Explosion at Lebanor

Pa.-The Plymouth Plague. LEBANON, PA., May 8 .- A frightful premature explosion of dynamite took place yesterday at the middle hill of the Corwell iron ore bank, several miles from this place, mangled, and it is feared that at least three can not survive through to-day. The men were engaged in blasting out iron ore and loading it on cars. A number of holes had been drilled and filled with cartridges. The men were then told to harry away, but before they had got a sufficient distance, the dynamite exploded with terrific force, and the men were hurled down an embankment and mangled by the flying rocks. Their lower limbs, arms and budies were badly lacerated, and it was necessary to

carry them home on stretchers. THE CAUSE OF THE PLYMOUTH FEVER WILKESBARRE, PA., May 8 .- A commit tee of physicians reported this evening that they had discovered a satisfactory explanation of the epidemic, and their conclusion is in perfect accord with the accepted scientific theory of the origin of typhoid fever. At the head waters of the mountain stream supplying Plymouth with water is a house in which typhold fever has prevailed for the last three months. The excreta of the sick were thrown into a privy forty feet from the stream and were washed into he stream by the March rains. The fever broke out at Plymouth about two weeks after the stream was polluted. By this pollution of the water supply one thousand ersons were poisoned and about eightyive died with fever, while other deaths are

likely to occur.

National Crop Report. WASHINGTON, May 9 .- The May report of the Department of Agriculture relates to the progress of Spring plowing and of out ton planting and to the condition of winter grain, meadows and pastures. It also reports the prevailing rates of wages of farm labor. Spring plowing in preparation for planting is everywhere late. Last year at this date it was estimated to be two-thirds done. This year it is scarcely six-tenths, The estimated average of a series of years exceeds seven-tenths. Less than half of this work is done in the Eastern States, in New York, Ohlo and Michigan. The roots were killed in the central belt even worse than was supposed. In New York the snow protection was ample except in spots, and n Michigan no material injury occurred. But in the Ohio valley and in Missouri reports of condition are much reduced. In the South a slight improvement in the prospect has occurred. The average of the condition in the principal wheat growing States is as follows: New York 95, Michigan 100, Ohio 59, Kentucky 45, Indiana 70, Illinois -, Missouri 60. The average is 70 instead of 77 in April, a reduction of about 7 per cent. reducing the of the is also lower than reyet much better than wheat. The average is 86. The average condition of winter barley is 83. The mowing lands promise a nearly average crop of hay, the average condition being 92. Pastures look nearly

as well, with a condition of 90.

The Triss of Cluveries. RECEIVOSP, VA., May 2.- When the trial f T. J. Cinverius, charged with the murder of Lillian Madison, was resumed to day, Judge Atkins ordered the discharge of R. W. Lark and A. S. Goode, jures ob feeted to by the prosecution on the ground that Lark said that he would not convict a man on circumstantial evidence, and because Goode, previous to being summer had bet that Claverius would be acqui William Reinhermer, another juror, was released upon his statement that he suffered from vertige. Two handred talesmen were then examined and three qualified jurors were obtained, making the number, twelve

NEW YORK, May 2.-The Rev. J. 1-Dally, formerly paster of the Trinity Meti sel Church in York street: Jes sey City, who left the ministry, co atted saidle. After he left Jersey City he went to New Orleans to study medicine. He applied himself ton closely, and that to THE LION AND THE BEAR.

Bladstone Mohes Another Sparch Civing a Better View of the Aighan Question Peace Prespects.

LONDON, May 8.-Mr. Gladstone, reply-

ing to questions in the House of Common

said that although on receipt of the first

mation in his possession when he made that declaration was unquestionable. As a afterward news containing important qualification of that first received had come to hand. Mr. Gladstone had no doubt, be said, that when the Earl of Dufferin, British Viceroy in India at Lahore, after his return from his conference with the Ameer at Rawal-Pindi described the Russian attack as an act of unprovoked aggression without any qualification, the Viceroy's stateunder which he spoke and the knowledge in his possession, but Russia had since denied that Colonel Alikhanoff had ordered the Turcomans under his command to make an attack. The report that Colonel Alikhanoff had made such an order was made to England by Captain Yates and his party, who belonged to Sir Peter Lumsden's Boundary Commission, and who were in Penideh during the battle, but it has been accertained since that neither Captain Yates nor any of his party were aware of any other foundation for that report than that of a rumor. Continuing, Mr. Gladstone said: That Lord Dufferin had arranged with Abdurrahman Khan, the Ameer of Afghanistan, the basis upon which the British Government had so far proceeded in the frontier affair, and further communications with the Ameer upon the subject should become necessary, they would be made. asked if Lord Dufferin, as Vicerov of India, approved of the Government's course toward Russia in the Afghan dispute, Mr. Gladstone refused ference between Earl Granville and Baron de Staal, arranged to be held to-day at the Foreign Office, for the purpose formally opening the discussion on the delimitation of the Russian-Afghan boundary, was postponed, as Baron de Staal is awaiting a communication on the subject from St. Petersburg. Negotiations continue on the demand of Earl Granville that Russia's assurances that her troops will not advance to Herat shall take the form of a treaty. It is reported that M. De Giers maintains that the simple expression of such intention is a sufficent pledge. General Felone has been recalled from Tiffis to St. Peters burg to assist in the delimitation inquiry. M. De Giers has instructed General Komar-Lumber Company, 23,000,000 feet of lumber | off to prepare a detailed report with chart Lessar, the Russian boundary commissioner, had a conference with Earl Granville yes terday with respect to the delimination of has not yet been chosen. The Daily News says it is able to state that Earl Dufferin warmly approves the settlement that has been made by England and Russia, which will appear from papers which are about to be laid on the table in Parliament. The News also says that the prospect of peace will not affect the budget. The money will be devoted to the work of increasing the navy, and any residue will be applied to the sinking fund

WILD TIMES. The Canadian Northwe-t Full of Rootile

A Panie in the Eleanor District. WINNIPEO, MAN., May 8 .- It was rumored last night that General Middleton's force had a severe battle with the insurgents at Batoche. This caused great exbeen pronounced entirely baseless. It is not known that Middleton has yet moved from his camp south of Gabriei's. Advices from Clark's Crossing say the steamer Northcote was strengthened to-day and her vulnerable parts rendered bullet proof. She will go down stream simultaneously with the troops and attack Batoche from the not interpret our intent in using it. river. Edmonton advices report the region ness, both from Ontario, were killed by Big Bear's band. Their wives and the wives of the two missionaries are prisoners and the four women are being frightfully maitreated. Scouts from the mortheast say that Colonel Otter will have a terrible time Major Steele was to have sent word back we all lost courage and let the thing go when he reached Edmonton, but nothing down. has been heard from him. There is a perfeet panic in the Eleanor district. Scores of homesteads have been burned. A reconnoitering party of seventy men from Boulton's cavalry went forward to Det mont's Crossing yesterday and returned at 8:20 p. m. They proceeded a mile past Dumont's and within three miles of Bate che. About a mile this side of Dumont they darted half a dozen rebels, evidently outposts, who were in a house, but who galloped away without firing a shot. All the half-breeds' houses were found deserted and valuables removed. A steamer from Swift Current arrived this morning and brought one hundred and twenty members of the Midland battailon, a Gatting gun and large quantities of ammunition and pro-

A CHOCTAW BOY EXECUTED.

Serenteen-Y-or-Old Boy Executed to Charter Fashion for Marder. FORT SHITH, ARE, May 7,-Mitchell Anderson, a Chortaw Indian, seventres rears old, was yesterday executed, according to the custom of that Nation, for the murder of another boy named Winchester, last summer. Anderson was convicted in court of the Marshalatubbel district, and was sentenced in February. He shot Winchester while the latter was chester while the latter was passing a lonely load, then horribly mutitated the budy and secured \$15. The condemned youth was seated upon a blanket in an open pince with a piece of white paper over his heart; the executioner knell before him and with the executioner knell before him and with the record. A friend of mine went up

The Plague Inc WHERESHARMS, PA., May 8.-The sudden rice in temperature yesterday had a had effect on the people is the feverstricken lown of Plymouth. Ninety new cases are reported this morning. A raid was made on the physicians last night who had retred early to get a little much needed sleep, but toward midnight they were routed out toward by freels came just broken out. Dr. McKee, who has attended upwards of twenty-two hundred games in the last four works, had given up, as he is committed. given up, as he is completely works had Several other physicians are in the same state. A fifty delay contribution was re-curred from Philadelphia.

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A BOYS' SECRET SOCIETY. mess by a Free and Accepted

Member of the Order.

Boys, do you remember that secret society we organized at the old schoolhouse many years ago? I have been thinking about it for a week, and whenever I think about anything so long as that, I am obliged to write.

It was known as the "L J. L. S." but what on earth those caballatics initials were intended for was one of our profoundest secrets. The meaning of those letters was as simple as could be, and as the society is dead with no prospect of a resurrection, it strikes me that I am absolved from my oath of secrecy, and I will explain it. The meaning was plain, barn-yard "luka Juvenile Literary Society," a some-thing which there was about as much necessity for keeping secret as there would be for concealing the name of the President of the United States.

We organized the "L J. L. S" for a purpose. We had had a lyceum in the village, and the old men came in and took the reins and elected each other to office and monopolized the thing until we scarcely got a smell. This dotermined us to star; a boom of our own, and the "L J. L. S." was the result. We had a form of initiation, gr ps. signs, pass-words and other peouliarities too numerous to mention, and while we did not make a speciality of anything but literary excellence, we incidentally pledged each other eternal friendship and brotherly devotion, and swore to shed the last drop of our blood, if necessary, to protect a brother who might deem it adverable to make our sign of distress. It is scarcely necessary to remark that very little blood was ever shed as a result of this solemn covenant. On one occasion, however, I made the sign of distress. A dog had laid hold of my sitting material, and I wanted help very badly. As none of the members of our society were within twenty miles of me, however, no blood was shed in effecting my rescue. simply speaked away, while the dog held so much of my pantaloons in his mouth that he was unable to see whether I was in them or not. At the next meeting of the society, resolutions of condolence and sympathy were passed, and a copy of the same duly engrossed, was furnished me by tao

Our initiatory ceremony was one of the worst conglomerations of the suband the ridiculous I have ever seen. We hoodwinked the candidate and brought him into the room singing "Broad is the Road that Leads to the Russo-Afghan frontier. An arbitrator Death," as we slowly marched him around. We always orgitted the first stanza until after the second had been sung, and by the time we came to "And thousands walk together there," we had walked the candidate up a plank, one end of which rested on a headless barrel half full of water, and the other on the floor, timing his progress so that he would step off the plank into the barrel just as we came down beavy on the "there." Of course he got wet. We intended he should, but as he had solemply sworn to bravely and uncomplainingly submit to our right honorable rites, all he could do was to make the best of it. We then led him up to a pumpkin, and suddenly removing the hoodwink, commanded him to "Hehold the striking emblem of what you are!" citement here. The rumor, however, has Our sensitive fellows always got mad at this point. Our pass word was "Ye-a-c-hoo," accented heavily on the "a" and "hoo," and in the still hours of the summer night, it could be heard all over town, and was always followed by a chorus of "Yo-ha-e-poo!" which was the prescribed answer. I often

wonder that the whole community did At one time, we had \$2.86 in the north and east of here full of hostiles, is treasury and talked about erecting a fact, all the Indians west of Battleford are temple, but one of our members in war point. The settlers have all stumped his toe and we had to pay it fled. John Walkenshaw and Albert Hark- over to him as sick benefits. We paid four dollars per week sick benefits, and as only ten cents per quarter could be collected as due and assessments under our constitution, we found our treasury depleted and our lodge in debt at the of it. Poundmaker, Little Child and all end of the first week of sickness, and as the other chiefs are on the warpath. A we had voted to buy some silver emnumber of half-breeds are directing them. blematic pins with the money on hand,

> We had a fineral ceremony which we were foresworn to render in full in case of the death of one of our members. Looking back to those happy, egotistical days now, I can not help feeling grati-fied that the society died before any of its members, otherwise, the surviving members of the "L J. L S." might nave been arrested for disorderly conduct at a funeral. The society is dead, but memory of what it was lives in the breast of every mother's on of all who were its members, and all you need to do to discover that the old, fraternal spirit yet exists, is to go out of doors in luka. Ill., some still night and yell.
> 'Yea-e-hoo" You will get more "Yoba-e-pone!" than you know what to do with in less than five minutes, and they will all come from big, stout men, too.

-Through Mail. VERY POLITE

Boarding-House Rasper Who Could Treat a timest with Distinguished Con-sideration Though His House Was on Fire.

I have heard of a great many cases of politeness. I know the French are a most polite Nation one shot killed him. Anderson denied the killing until within the last few days. was coming from California. He rang the bell. It was not answered. He rang again. There was some skurrying inside, but the door did not open. Once more he rang. The door opened.

"Have you any rooms to let?"

"Well, no, sir," and the speaker spoke. "The fact is, they are all held." by people who are out of town for the

"Have some up-stairs; but erhaps suit you about the lat of Octo-

Can't I see them now?" Just thee a boy appeared at the hea

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