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CURRENT COMMENT.

The President of the Birmingham Liberal Association denied the truth of the rumor that John Bright intended to resign his seat in the English Parliament.

C. C. GEORGESON, of Denison, Texas, for several years Professor of Agriculture and Horticulture at Bryan College, has been appointed a professor in the State College at Tokio, Japan, for which place he will leave as soon as his papers arrive.

A MEETING of the leading merchants was held at Boston recently to take action relative to the alleged undervaluation of imported goods by custom officers at New York, by which importers at Boston and elsewhere were placed at a disadvantage, and a committee was appointed to aid the special committee of the United States Senate in its investigation into the subject.

A BOAT'S crew of the whaling schooner Mary E. Simmons, of New Bedford, Mass., commanded by John P. Perrira, third mate, was taken down by a whale near the Cape Verde Islands, on November 29. No trace of the boat or men could be found. Arthur Ward, of New Haven, was one of the crew. All the others belonged on the Cape Verde Islands and Western Islands.

THE Echo des Alpes publishes a summary of the fatal accidents that have occurred since 1859 in climbing the Swiss Alps. During this period there have been eighty such accidents, whereby one hundred and thirty-four persons lost their lives. Of these forty were guides or porters, eighty tourists, two monks of Mount St. Bernard, eleven were workmen journeying over the mountains, and one was a curiosity-seeker.

THE proclamation announcing the annexation of Burma to the British Empire was received at Rangoon on the 1st. There was a grand parade in honor of the event, and a large concourse of natives gathered to hear the reading. England cedes to China part of Upper Burma, in order to make the Chinese and Indian frontiers contiguous. India advocates an offensive and defensive alliance between China and India.

THE Secretary of the Treasury recently received a telegram from Captain Hooper, of the revenue steamer Healy, of the Corwin, he had decided to undertake the search for the missing whaler Amethyst. He also inquired if the cruise should be limited to the Aleutian Islands, or whether he should push northward, following the ice pack as it broke up in the spring. Secretary Manning replied as follows: "Take the necessary supplies and proceed at once. Officers have been directed to report to you for duty immediately. Employ a surgeon and use your judgment as to the northern limit of the cruise."

WHILE out hunting the other day, Peter Hart, a farmer living near Albany, N. Y., discovered a letter secreted in a tree, which stated the writer, John Robert Smith, and his partner, Haley, had been engaged in a number of robberies, which had netted sixteen thousand dollars. While escaping through the Heiderberg Hills the partners had quarreled and Smith murdered Haley and buried his body near by. Smith with remorse he buried the money and was about to drown himself in Warren's Lake. The letter was accompanied by a rude diagram showing where the body and money can be found, and Smith gives the latter to the finder. A large number of persons were reported engaged in a search for the hidden treasure.

In view of the large number of defective, irregular and insufficient proofs presented in public land cases, Commissioner Sparks, of the General Land Office, has issued a circular to registers and receivers of land offices in which he directs that proofs must in all cases be to the satisfaction of registers and receivers, and that cross-examinations should be directed to a verification of the material facts in the case, and especially to the actual facts of residence, and whether the entry is made or sought to be perfected for the claimant's own use and occupation or for the use and benefit of others. Ready-made proofs, presented merely for pro forma acknowledgment and verification, cross-examination or evidence of identity, will not, it is stated, be considered such proofs as are required by law.

REPUBLICANS were reported becoming troublesome in the South of Spain. A band of revolutionists recently tried to destroy the railway bridge in the Cordenas Pass of the Sierra Moreno Mountains which separates La Manca from Andalusia. Fortunately, the wreckers were discovered while they were at work and five of them arrested. They had cut through the underpinning of the bridge, and the next train which attempted to cross would have been wrecked. As it was, the damage was repaired just in time to save a heavily loaded passenger train from the North. This train contained a number of Southern members of the Cortes, who were returning from Madrid. It is supposed the outrage was attempted with the object of killing the Senators and Deputies, most of whom are Royalists. At Ciudad Real, a few miles north of the scene of this outrage, a number of persons are said to be imprisoned on suspicion of conspiring to make a revolutionary rising.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. M. DESSOR tendered the resignation of the French Ministry to President Grevy on the 29th. It was thought that M. de Freycinet would form a new cabinet.

PROF. MAURICE RAHLEN has been appointed Mexican Consul at Kansas City. The will of W. H. Vanderbilt has been admitted to probate.

Mrs. GEORGE AUGUSTUS SALA died at Melbourne, Australia, recently.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND held the usual New Year's reception at Washington. Members of the diplomatic corps, judges, Senators and Representatives, department officials and other invited guests were present.

GOVERNOR HILL was inaugurated at Albany, N. Y., on the 1st. In his address he spoke extensively of the patriotic career of New York's first Governor, De Witt Clinton, and the work of other Executives.

The King of Mombasa, Central Africa, has seized Bishop Harrington, who has been engaged in missionary services, and will probably put him to death. No reason is given for the King's action.

FITZGERALD LEE was inducted into office at Richmond Va., on the 1st.

The Will Whitman fund in London amounts to £115. Among the subscribers are Rossetti, Louis Stevenson, Francis Darwin, Mr. Dowden and Henry James.

R. H. HARRIS, a prominent citizen of Lee County, Ala., and a member of the Alabama Legislature in 1890, committed suicide the other day by shooting with a pistol. Financial trouble caused the act.

T. D. SULLIVAN, the new Lord Mayor of Dublin, was formally installed in office on the 1st with much ceremony. The population very enthusiastic and turned out en masse in honor of the event. An immense procession, composed of artisans and laborers carrying green banners and bearing other emblems of a green color, was one of the features of the day's celebration.

MISCELLANEOUS. An Italian organ grinder, in New Orleans, recently, was leaning against a telegraph pole when a current of electricity ran in all parts of the Chamber. Another organ grinder, who went to his friend's assistance, was seriously injured. It was supposed that a Brush electric light wire had accidentally crossed the line, causing the fatal result.

The story of the attempted blowing up of the Southern Pacific bridge across the Rio Grande was denied by the railroad officials.

THERE was a lively scene in the French Chamber of Deputies on the 25th. Several members charged that an inaccurate record had been kept of the Tonquin credit. Shouts of "char" and "swindler" were raised in all parts of the Chamber. The official record was voted to be correct. The uproar was repeated in the lobbies, and two duels were likely to result from the controversy.

A NOT fourteen years old, while playing marbles on the ice on Archer's Lake, near Denver, recently, fell through and was drowned. The child was named William.

MANY people were asphyxiated at Kingston, Ont., the other night, by a broken gas main which filled several houses with gas. Two or three were fatally injured.

The convention called to consider the improvement of the Missouri met at Kansas City on the 29th.

BRITISH troops recently attacked the Arabs near Kesch. A heavy engagement followed, resulting in the defeat of the Arabs and capture of their position. The British and Egyptian loss amounted to about fifty killed and wounded.

The coal trade was reported good for the remainder of the year. The coal trade was reported good for the remainder of the year.

The London Standard says that the creditors of the King of Bavaria have united in a petition for the distraint of the goods and property of the Imperial household. Prince Leopold, uncle of the King and General-in-Chief of the army, has forbidden the staff of the state to take any action to carry out the objects of the creditors.

ONE of the boilers of the Gulf City Oil Works, at Mobile, Ala., exploded on the 29th, killing seven colored men and wounding fatally and seriously several others.

An indignation meeting was held at Carson City on the 29th to protest against the closing of the mint. Resolutions favoring free coinage of silver were adopted by the meeting.

The President has approved the recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior, that a portion of the money appropriated for the relief of the Indians be used to relieve the immediate and pressing needs of the Souppai Indians in Northern Arizona. These Indians are not suffering at present, but they will need help before the winter is over.

The Pope was reported about to issue an energetic protest against the French Government's protest of the alleged persecutions of priests and the church in France.

The Rangers who have been in pursuit of the hostiles have returned to Duncan, Ariz. They report that while on the trail of the hostiles the Indian scouts refused to follow it and defied the officer in command to compel them to do so. The scouts had to be abandoned and the troops returned without accomplishing anything.

An Orange mob recently attacked two of the released Riverhead (Newfoundland) prisoners and fatally wounded them. There was great excitement in Harbor Grace and crowds were occupying the streets and a riot was anticipated.

The Kentucky legislature convened at Frankfort, Ky., on the 30th and elected the following officers: Speaker, Charles Ornt, of Bourbon County; Clerk of the House, Green Keller, of Nicholas County; Door-keeper, Robert Tyler, of Gracie; Clerk of the Senate, Harry Glenn, of Carlisle.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has imparted to the Bishops of the Church of England a scheme for church reform. Lord Salisbury will approve the measure if the Bishops approve it after considering it in private sittings.

FATHER LORETTI, of the Penn avenue Polish Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., against whom charges of drunkenness were preferred before Bishop Phelan of the diocese, has been suspended by the Roman Catholic Church. It was said that his followers in the church were very much exasperated over his removal, and threats of mobbing the episcopal residence had been made.

PETER B. SWENERT, notorious in the Tweed regime, returned the other day to New York.

An order has been received from Commissioner Fink to reduce the rates on live sheep from St. Louis to New York to 50 cents. This is a reduction from 45 and 50 cents, respectively.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS.

AINSWORTH boils down its immediate needs to a crematory, court house, water works, a division station and another railroad.

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THE LAST CALL.

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THE BIG MUDDY.

Resolutions Adopted by the Missouri River Convention.—The Next Place of Meeting—Delegates to Washington.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., December 31.—At 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning the Missouri River Improvement Convention met at the Board of Trade hall for the second day of its session.

At nine o'clock, before the meeting of the Convention, the Executive Committee held a meeting in the Board of Trade Hall for the purpose of determining the place for the next meeting of the Convention and other matters. Chairman Bolter presided.

On motion of G. D. Baker, and after consideration of the Missouri River Convention, the Executive Committee adopted a resolution, which was adopted, to hold the next meeting of the Convention at St. Louis, Mo., on the 1st of January next.

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THE NEW YEAR.

A Chapter on New Year Receptions in Washington—A Gay Time at the White House.

WASHINGTON, January 2.—For the first time in several years New Year's day dawned clear and beautiful. The frost was soon dissipated by the rising sun, and long before noon the temperature was like that of a spring day.

The occasion was observed here as in former years by general calling. Business was suspended to a considerable extent, and all the executive departments were closed. At the entrance to the White House grounds the policemen kept back a crowd of curiosity-seekers who gazed with interest at the many equipages of the diplomatic corps and high officials of the Government and other distinguished persons.

At eleven o'clock, to the accompaniment of "Hail to the Chief" by the band, the Presidential party appeared in the reception room. The President, Secretary Bayard, and the remaining members of the Cabinet followed with their families. Secretary Lamar being the only member of the Cabinet who preceded them was tenant Duval, with Miss Bayard and her family. The ladies stood in the line on the President's right. Miss Bayard, Mrs. Bayard, Mrs. Manning, Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Vail. Owing to a severe cold, Mrs. Endicott was not present.

During the diplomatic reception the secretary of State stood at the left of the President to introduce the members of the diplomatic corps. Colonel Wilson, Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds, stood between the President and Mrs. Cleveland and introduced the diplomatic corps. The following members of the diplomatic corps were present: Great Britain, Belgium, China, Austria, Mexico, Russia, France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Peru, Costa Rica and San Salvador, the Netherlands, Ecuador, Germany, the United States of Colombia, Japan, Venezuela, and Sweden. The Argentine Republic, Brazil, Denmark and Venezuela. All the members of the diplomatic corps, except those who represent republics on the ground, were in the court and on the ground. Mrs. Wilson took Secretary Bayard's place and introduced all the other official ladies of the members of the cabinet arrived before the President, while Lieutenant Duval, of the army, made the introductions to most of the ladies.

The reception of the members of the Supreme Court and the Court of Claims followed. Of the former, there were present Chief Justice Melville, Justices Bradley, Harlan, Bradley, Gray, Woods, Peck, Fields and Strong, accompanied by the ladies of their families. Accompanying the Justices were Judge Barnard, Dana, and Mr. and Mrs. J. McKim. The Senators and Representatives began to arrive early. Most Congressmen had wives or other ladies with them. Mr. Kasson represented the ex-Minister, Senator Sherman was the only ex-Minister representative.

At a few minutes to twelve o'clock, a long line of army officers wound their way from the War Department across the way. The line numbered nearly three hundred. Although only forty officers are stationed in this city, between seventy and eighty retired officers reside in Washington, and all who were able to be present were in line. Besides those from the different regiments, there were also present the ranks and staff of the army, and a number of officers from Fort Myer, a number came from Fort McHenry to pay their respects, and the force was largely increased by the number on leave, who are stopping here for the winter.

The naval officers, from the various departments, were nearly all present. The Civil Service Commissioners, Egleston, Trenchum, Eaton and Commissioners of Education and Prof. Laid, followed. The heads of the departments, and the heads of the specific departments, led in the procession. They followed all the heads of bureaus in the departments who are Presidential appointees. Assistant Secretary Fairbank led the procession.

The Mexican Veterans Association was well represented, the members numbering about sixty, filed in and paid their respects to the President. Following them came the oldest infantry, numbering about fifty. Their appearance was noteworthy and impressive. The G. A. R. delegation followed. The pleasant weather served to bring out one of the largest New Year's receptions ever held in Washington. Most of the guests were in line according to their posts and numbered about 1,000 in all.

The gates were not open to the general public until after the Grand Army reception. The crowd of waiting guests was immense. The crowd of waiting guests was immense. The crowd of waiting guests was immense.

When the time arrived for the general reception the gates were opened and the crowd passed through the White House. Notwithstanding the immense crowd the best of order prevailed and everything passed off in the most peaceful manner. During the reception all the parties except the military were darkened and when the diplomats, the army and navy and other officials entered the beautiful room the effect was complete. The sun shone brightly through the splendid landscape viewed from this added no little to the charming scene. It is estimated that about 6,000 guests were present at the reception. The President lowered the shades of his study at 12:15. The President lowered the shades of his study at 12:15. The President lowered the shades of his study at 12:15.

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