

Mustard, the Chippewa chief, has grown obstreperous and threatens to go on the warpath. He'd better not get too smart.

A modern philosopher remarks upon it as a wise provision of nature, that a man can either pat himself on the back nor kick himself.

Sara Bernhardt says that "a good dog is more deserving of love than a man." We sincerely hope Sara isn't really going to the dogs.

With 9,800 murders committed last year in the United States there were 132 executions—one in seventy-five. And we boast of our laws and civilization!

The Chicago girl who "played burglar" and received a revolver ball between the eyes may thank her lucky stars that her skull was as thick as her wits.

Portland, Me., consumed \$75,000 worth of whisky last year for mechanical purposes. The prohibitory laws up there seem to operate very mechanically.

Ambassador Breckinridge is coming home from St. Petersburg "because he cannot live on \$17,500 a year." We can sympathize with him, for we have long been unable to do it at home.

Carnegie says that the sword of Damocles hangs over every phase of business in the United States. Can it be that he is extending his business in order to increase their blow-hole capacity?

Foramelloration of the grief of France over the killing of soldiers in the Congo, attention is called to the circumstance that if armed forces from the Congo were to invade France they would be treated with rudeness.

The thrill of horror excited by the announcement that a young woman in North Carolina is about to be hanged may possibly, by contemplation of the fact that she killed a baby by making it eat pins, induce another thrill sufficient to relieve the first of some of its distressful poignancy.

Miss Niedringhaus, daughter of the well-known St. Louis millionaire, eloped with a salesman named Seltzer. A St. Louis dispatch says that as soon as the old man heard of it he took a big drink of whisky and announced that he was satisfied. This is a queer proceeding—the father takes whisky and the daughter takes Seltzer.

The Governor of Montana, writing of the awful explosion at Butte, says, in a truly American fashion, that "stringent regulations will now be adopted to enforce the laws against storing explosives within the city limits." What is needed just now is an earnest movement to punish by hanging or otherwise the Governors, Mayors, Sheriffs, policemen and others in Montana who have failed to enforce these laws.

The noisy parrot has been subjected through all the centuries to considerable ridicule. He has been held up as the greatest nuisance, and scarcely one act has been recorded to his credit. There must now be a revision of the findings, an alteration of the record. One parrot in that eminently conservative town of Baltimore made such a racket the other morning when he saw a house on fire that he saved the members of two families. This demonstrates that even a parrot can do some good.

Expectorating upon the floors of street cars is to be stopped by the car companies of the city of Washington. Conductors are required to eject passengers guilty of such vulgarity; and if the companies went further and employed Corbets and Sullivans to pitch such fellows through the car windows, the whole race of ladies and other decent people would rise up and call them blessed. The same regulations should be enforced in every other city; not only regarding street cars, but sidewalk also. Cleanliness, better than church steeples, points to a higher civilization, and it is refreshing to see that in at least one city the public demand for personal decency is heeded. Let the good work go on!

What is there left of the treaty of Berlin? It has not availed to shield the Armenian Christians from Turkish ravishers and man-slayers. In the teeth of the Czar's appeal, the central powers and England refused to enforce it, when the Bulgarians defied it by annexing Eastern Roumelia. If a parchment can be torn to rags in the interest of the opponents of Alexander III, why should it be pieced together and pronounced binding upon those who would have Nicholas II. heed the prayers of the Armenian Christians? There are few men, we think, in continental Europe, and none in the United States, who would not now applaud the young Russian Emperor for declaring that the Berlin treaty, which has been treated as void by those who forced it on his grandfather, shall not hold him back from answering those who cry to him for help.

A new and startling chapter in the annals of journalistic enterprise is told by Frederick Villiers, the veteran English war correspondent, who has just reached this country from Japan. He avers that as a result of the rivalry between the New York Herald and

the New York World, the correspondent of the former paper, De Guerville, plotted against the life of James Creelman, World correspondent, seeking to have the Japanese execute him as a spy. It will be remembered that the World secured an exclusive report of the Port Arthur massacre, which the Herald strove to discredit until the volume of evidence supporting Creelman's narrative became so great as to silence detractors. Villiers asserts that enraged by this scoop, De Guerville strove to have his successful rival hanged. This seems to be carrying journalistic rivalries a shade too far, and we note with pleasure that the Herald is going to support its sanguinary correspondent with Col. John A. Cockerill, who won't get scooped, and if he should, would be more likely to hang himself in remorse than to hang the scooper.

After the reading of M. Castimir-Porier's letter of resignation the royalists came arm-in-arm from the chamber roaring "Vive le roi!" The Duc d'Orleans has left London for Dover, and will foregather in Belgium with his supporters. There will be a coup d'etat and the pretender will be restored to the throne—in the minds of the American correspondents. Twaddled the shouts of "Vive le roi!" were drowned in the passionate cry of "Vive la republique!" The Duc d'Orleans will never get beyond the Belgian frontier. France is not about to resign her place among the sisterhood of republics, to put her neck under the foot of a scurvy dynasty, to react fifty years of time and centuries of progress because a cowardly and pettish president has left the Palace of the Elysee. Vive la republique!

By the division among three Chicago men of \$5,000 offered by the National Shoe and Leather Bank of New York, a thoroughly consistent conclusion is put to a series of events that, taken together, form as miserable a story as was ever recorded in criminal annals, a story that illustrates almost every squalid possibility of human nature and not one of its redeeming qualities. Beginning with an impudent overdraft on his bank account by Baker, a man who had long made loudmouthed plety a cloak for dubious and devious maneuvering, Seely's moral cowardice, combined with the carelessness and incompetence of bank officials, made possible the theft of an immense amount of money. Now Baker is dead, a suicide, and his family is in disgraceful humiliation; Seely, after years of torture, lies in prison, while his wife, poverty stricken and ill, faces a hopeless future; the bank stockholders have been heavily assessed to make good an enormous loss for which their trusted and well-paid servants in high positions are indirectly responsible; and—\$5,000 is divided between McFarland, an unspeakably despicable wretch who for a few dollars betrayed the man who took him from the gutter and fed and clothed him, and two "detectives," whose part in the shabby drama consisted in going to a house and arresting, not a criminal whom their skill had tracked down, but one as to whose whereabouts they had been definitely informed by others, through no efforts of their own, and whose apprehension was as perfectly simple a matter of the ordinary police duty for the doing of which police are paid wages as it is possible to imagine. Optimists are advised not to reflect on the case.

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NOTIFIED BY A BELLINGER.

How Western Villages Were Attracted to a Traveling Show.

"A theatrical man has varied experiences and some funny incidents are continually coming before him," said a showman to a reporter for the Washington Post. "The one-night stands are profuse of episodes and profanity, especially the latter, but they also afford a good bit of amusement after the annoyance is over. They are not quite so awful now as they used to be. A few years ago a company I was piloting through the West came upon a rather unpromising town, but fate willed that we should give one appearance. The hall we hired was a crude affair, and so were the accessories. There was no box office, no reserved seats, and I had to stand at the door and collect the admission money. At 7:30 not a soul had appeared. At 7:45 a great big chap came stalking in and asked me if I wanted a ringer. 'What's a ringer?' I asked. 'A man to ring the bell. You'll never get folks up here to see this show till you hire somebody to go down town and pull the town hall bell. They are used to it and won't come without.' I took the ringer at his word, gave him half a dollar and he departed smiling. Soon the deep clanging of a bell smote upon the air, and in less than no time the townpeople came pouring in, enough of them to make a fair audience. In spite of the fact that our attraction had been set forth on the billboards and in the local papers, if that bell hadn't been pulled we would have played to vacant benches."

"Greenies" Not All from the West.

"Some of the greenest people in the world come from the old settled States," remarked the head clerk of an uptown hotel. "Some of our far western guests are a trifle crude in dress and care little for style at the dinner table, but they never refrain from pressing the electric buttons about the house for fear it will call out the fire department. I have known rural visitors from the interior of New York State to abstain on the representation of the mischievous bellboys, who had caught on to their verandah, and who would walk down six flights of stairs to make known their every want."—Washington Post.

When a man with an eloquent voice recites poetry, it has the same effect on some women as skinning saloons.

In a Lethal Position.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Tatham Bros. shot tower, 225 feet high, at No. 8 Beckman street, was badly damaged by fire. It was an interesting and unusual spectacle and attracted spectators from all over the lower part of the city. While the flames were making great headway in the lower part of the tower Frederick Erickson, forty-three years of age, found himself near the top of the tower, with his retreat by a stairway cut-off. His position was extremely perilous and he considered himself doomed. He looked out of a window and calculated that the distance to the nearest roof was too great to jump.

By this time the flames had almost reached him, and nerving himself he sprang through the flames to the landing below him. He was unhurt by the jump and at once jumped to the next floor, again landing safely. On the next landing the flames were very thick, but the desperate man never faltered for a minute, and once more he made a leap for life. This time he fell into a mass of flames, through which he rushed madly, with his clothing on fire, to a stairway, down which he descended to a place of safety. Help was waiting for him, and after his burning garments had been torn from him, he was carried down ten flights of stairs to the street. By this time the firemen had arrived and were soon playing a stream of water on the flames, which were extinguished after two hours of hard work. It was found that the fire was caused by the explosion of an oil furnace, in which the lead for shot is melted. The damage will amount to several hundred dollars. The tower was built in 1858 by Tatham Bros. and is a well known landmark in the lower section of the city.

Ironclads Sunk.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The correspondent of the Central News at Wei-Hai-Wei telegraphs under date of February 7 that the Chinese ironclads, Chen Yuen and Ting Yuen, have been sunk. A Chinese prisoner states that Admiral Ting has ordered that, although the defenses on the mainland fall the fleet must remain inside the bay and defend the fort at Li Kung to the last extremity. The Japanese casualties during the three days' fighting at Wei-Hai-Wei are as follows: Second division 120 killed and wounded; sixth division General Ota and twenty-two others killed and ninety-three wounded. A dispatch from Kai Ping dated February 6 says there is a great increase of the Chinese forces in the vicinity of Yeng Kow.

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Driven to Desperation.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 8.—Driven to desperation bordering on insanity from hunger and poverty, Louis Williams colored, made a probably successful attempt to murder his wife yesterday at their home on Stockholm street, in the Twelfth ward. Without a word of provocation or an instant's warning Williams crushed his wife's skull with a flatiron, afterward kicking her almost lifeless body in a frenzied manner. Williams immediately attempted to commit suicide by taking what he supposed was soap bark and resulted only in making him very sick. At the police station Williams showed unmistakable signs of insanity and seemed happy when told his wife would die. The scene of the tragedy presents the most abject poverty imaginable.

Two Mysterious Deaths.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Two young men believed to be brothers, Don Ernesto and Enrique Marquina, from Guatemala, was shot and almost instantly killed in a private dining room at 517 Lexington avenue. It is supposed by the police that Don Ernesto shot his brother Enrique and then turned the weapon on himself. What caused the quarrel which led to the shooting is unknown. Two young women who were in the dining room at the time disappeared immediately after the tragedy and the police are looking for them. The two girls were the only two witnesses and they alone can explain what caused the fatal dispute. The two brothers were comparative strangers in New York, having been here but a few months.

Covered With Ice.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Feb. 8.—The stern part of a good-sized vessel, covered with ice, with what appears to be the bodies of three men encased in the ice and frozen to the top of the cabin, had drifted ashore at Paul's Point, Lambert's cove, on the north side of the island. The wreckage was discovered yesterday morning and the medical examiner notified, who has started for that place to take charge of the bodies. There are apparently no other frozen bodies in the cabin. It is impossible at this time to ascertain the identity of either vessel or bodies.

Helping the Ex-Queen.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—The Examiner's Honolulu letter says the government has found in the queen's diary evidence that Rudolph Spreckles has urged her to resort to force to regain her lost throne. The letter says the impression in the island is that Spreckles advanced the funds to use in the purchase of arms for the revolutionists. The correspondent claimed that it was definitely learned that some of the leaders of the rebellion had been sentenced to death.

Great Excitement.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—The following prominent passengers were interviewed by a United Press reporter who boarded the steamer Australia as she was passing through the straits:

F. S. Winston of Chicago characterized the situation in Honolulu as one of great tension. "The people are in a very excited and hysterical condition," said he. "The natives are depressed and solemn. The government is in receipt of resolutions passed by military bodies asking that no clemency be given. Two of the principal points on which the trial of the queen will be based are the fact that she signed the commissions under which the revolutionary leaders acted, and second, on the large quantity of arms, ammunition and bombs found in the queen's bungalow. The bombs seem to have been made of coconut shells and cement. There was no evidence introduced as to what use the bombs were to be put. The supporters of the government claim that it is simply able to take care of itself. But," said Mr. Winston, "the population of the islands is so heterogeneous, the party in power being so largely in the minority of population that trouble is likely to arise at any time. The presence of a man-of-war there is necessary in an event of this contingency. The American and English consular representatives were present at the sittings of the court and watch the proceedings closely. They are not expected to interfere unless American or English subjects are sentenced to be executed."

MARTIAL LAW IN FORCE.

Martial law is still in force, although it is not claimed that its continuance is necessary. It is enforced merely to justify a trial by court martial, as the government would not trust the question of the prisoner, a guilt or innocence to the natives on a jury. The rather sensational testimony was adduced that the money to prosecute the insurrection was furnished by Rudolph Spreckles of San Francisco. The nationality of the cruiser and Esmeralda has not been ascertained. Judge Frear, associate justice of the supreme court of Hawaii, said a feeling of security pervades the community. In his opinion it is impossible to say what the results of the court martial will be. Its findings will be very likely reviewed by the chief executive. There is sufficient evidence of the feeling as to what it should be, viz: Severity to the leaders and clemency to the rank and file. The court martial was in session at the time of the sailing of the Australia, and there is no evidence that foreign complications will arise. It is expected that when martial law is abrogated some important questions will arise as to the powers of the court martial. The general feeling is that this will be the last revolt. Hitherto those who have taken part in the revolutionary outbreaks have received immunity, but as the government will endeavor to show those engaged in the last revolt that it is in earnest, similar uprisings will be effectually discouraged. It is impossible to say whether the queen will be deported or not.

A Cable to be Laid.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Another acquisition to the strength of the republicans in the senate and made in the person of Mr. Clark of Wyoming, who appeared and took the oath of office. The senate now consists of eighty-seven members, of whom forty-three are democrats, thirty-nine republicans and five populists.

The diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was taken up, and a long debate took place upon an amendment reported from the committee on appropriations for the construction and maintenance of a telegraph cable between the United States and Hawaii and appropriating \$500,000 as part of the cost. The debate drew out a reference by Hale to the press dispatch from San Francisco announcing the abdication of the late queen in favor of the republican government, and this act Mr. Hale treated as a removal of one of the obstacles to a peaceful solution of the difficulties there and as leaving the existing government strong and not likely to be disturbed. The debate was continued by Senators Teller, Gray and Platt, and the matter went over till tomorrow without action and with a point of order pending against the amendment as general legislation on an appropriation bill.

In the closing minutes of the day's session the senate substitute for the house bill appropriating \$4,000,000 for the new Chicago postoffice was taken up and agreed to, the bill passed and a conference with the house asked for. The substitute makes no direct appropriation, but desired the work to be let out in contracts, the aggregate amount of which shall not exceed four million dollars.

Criticized the Chinese Plan.

BELLEVILLE, Feb. 7.—The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says in a semi-official leader on the end of the Chinese peace mission to Japan: "The Chinese peace mission is part of China's policy of calculated hesitation and delay. The Chinese wish to induce the European powers to demand a share in framing the conditions of peace by appearing unable to effect terms satisfactory to the Japanese."

Cannot Defeat Ross.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—Ross, the American and Cannon, the English wrestler, had a match in Bedford last night for the championship of the world and 100 pounds. Cannon won three and Ross two of the five falls.

Italian Officer Promoted.

ROME, Feb. 7.—King Humbert has sent a cable dispatch to Colonel Bacciarini promoting him to the rank of general in honor of his victories over the Fabbisti.

Break up the Gang.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 3.—The combined action of Mississippi and Louisiana authorities has finally broken up the most desperate gang of robbers east of the Mississippi river. The gang operated in both of these states, being located where they met each other on Pearl river, in the extreme southeastern part of Louisiana. The country there is sparsely settled, with little communication with the rest of the world, and has been the headquarters of outlaws for over a century.

Honey Island, on Pearl river, has long been the refuge of counterfeiters, murderers, and other desperadoes, and the condition of society there is very primitive and the law but little respected. It was in this country that Eugene Bunch, the train robber, lived, having acquired such control over them as to be a king among them. He arranged his various raids on the railroads here and moved on them from this citadel. It was only when the express companies, after being frequently plundered by him, went to great expense a couple of years ago, and spent money liberally in winning over his lieutenants, they were able to hunt him down and kill him.

Although with the death of Bunch the train robberies ceased, the robbery business has been carried on there systematically by a gang located in the very part of Washington Parish where the great train robber lived, and Pike and Marion counties, Mississippi, and Washington Parish, Louisiana, have been kept in a state of terrorism by the gang and the stores and private houses plundered. Franklinton, La.; Oayka, Magnolia, China Grove, Dexter, and Tylertown, Miss., were some of the towns visited by the robbers.

The citizens who were thus plundered determined some weeks ago to adopt the policy of the railroads and break up the robber gang. They accordingly hired for this purpose "Colonel" Hobbgood, who was Bunch's lieutenant in his train-robbing days and who is understood to have betrayed and sold his chief to the express companies. Hobbgood himself has been in jail on a number of charges and has been on intimate terms with most of the criminals of that section and was thought to be the very man for this job. He joined the gang, the chief of which was Dr. James Grady, of Franklinton, who enjoyed a good reputation, and arranged with him to rob a store in Marion county, Mississippi. During the robbery Hobbgood and his men shot, seriously wounded, and captured the robber chief. The sheriff, at the head of posse of citizens, started out to capture the other robbers, nine of whom were picked up one by one at their several homes, being so suddenly overpowered that they made no resistance, although their houses were regular arsenals in the matter of rifles, shotguns, and revolvers.

Furnace Explosion.

STEVENSVILLE, Ohio, Feb. 5.—Two explosions occurred at the Riverside furnace in this city, injuring a large number of workmen, several of them fatally. The explosions were caused by stock in the furnace settling, and the accumulation of gas between what had settled and what was hanging above blowing out tons of stock and bricks. The first accident was a small explosion which occurred yesterday morning, when considerable stock was blown out and the ignited gas set fire to the clothes of Pat Timlin. He ran out of the flames and was rolled in the snow, his blazing clothes being torn off by William Burke. He is burned from head to foot and is not expected to live until morning. The second explosion took place early in the afternoon and was the worst, the material blown out wrecking the roofs of all the buildings as if they had been cannonaded. The explosion occurred at that hour when the whistle was blowing for work and few men were around, or more would have been injured. A score of men were burned or injured by flying debris. The ground for 200 yards around the furnace is covered with brick, coke, and other debris.

Awful Deed of an Insane Mother.

NAPA, Cal., Feb. 5.—An awful tragedy occurred here in the home of Peter Meternich. Mrs. Meternich, while insane, undertook to kill her four children, and succeeded in doing them all serious injury. Her mania was a religious one, and she had the delusion that she had greatly sinned against God and as punishment for her sin her children were to be sold into slavery, and she had threatened to kill the children to avoid this. Her husband went away to his work leaving all at home in apparent quiet but within a half hour his wife had taken an ax, and with it fearfully cut and beat every one of the children. They were all struck on the head, inflicting ugly gashes and bruises. It is feared that the baby will die, as there are symptoms of concussion of the brain. The other children will probably recover. She would probably have killed them all but that the neighbors heard them screaming and came to the rescue. The woman was caught in her frenzy and taken to the County Jail, and later in the day committed to the asylum.

To Control Texas Traffic.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 5.—Chairman Caldwell, of the Western Trunk Line committee, spent Saturday in consultation with representatives of the Missouri Pacific and the Missouri, Kansas Texas railroads in an endeavor to bring them into the new organization. The Missouri, Kansas and Texas stipulates that it shall control its Texas business if it becomes a member of the agreement, and it is thought that there will be no difficulty in coming to terms on this matter.

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

Congressman McKeighan is slowly regaining his health.

Deuel county had snow enough for good sleighing if it could be spread out a little.

The name of the postoffice at Big Springs has been changed to one word, Bigspring.

A revival in the Christian church at Hebron brought thirty-six sinners in out of the cold.

Farmers in the Platte Valley near Bellwood are subscribing funds to build a \$1,500 church.

The total increase of mortgaged indebtedness in Fillmore county for January was \$25,770.65.

It will cost Dodge county about three thousand dollars to care for the poor of Fremont this winter.

Randolph will have a German paper, conditioned that two hundred subscribers can be secured.

Fremont will appropriate \$18,000 this year for constructing a plant that will give the city the light it needs.

Madison county will vote on a proposition to issue \$50,000 in bonds for the purchase of seed grain and oats for the horses.

The West Point Republican is treating its readers to choice bits of local gossip from the files of twenty-three years ago.

According to the Republican, Geneva, though a temperance town, has a few "loose joints" where nose paint is sold in jags.

The two best waiters present at the masquerade ball at Battle Creek on the evening of February 15, will be presented with a \$5 prize.

The Norfolk Sugar company has been sued for \$15,000 damages by Thomas G. Hight, whose arm was badly injured in the factory last fall.

The Oakkosh Globe says that this world is a great unfeeling stall, in which everybody is crowding for more room at the fodder rack.

Company E, First regiment, Nebraska National guards of David City, will give its exhibition drill and dance on Washington's birthday.

Frank Brooks and Milton Wilson are serving a sentence of twenty days in the jail at David City for looting Louis Lobz's store at Linwood.

Willie Howell, a 14-year-old Elmwood boy, was probably fatally wounded by the accidental discharge of a gun while rabbit hunting.

The Auburn Telegram says that the Burlington & Missouri railroad did a larger business in that town in 1894 than it did the previous year.

The Dorchester Star thinks that Saline county had better let up a little on bridge building and spend some money to stop the leaks in the jail.

The marshal of Friend caught Bail Stoker in the act of burglarizing a house, and the prisoner has been bound over to the district court for trial.

The Nebraska City Press will be issued in miniature form until Editor Brown can get a new outfit to take the place of the one destroyed by fire.

An Indian on the Blackbird reservation ate a meal from the fifth of a hog that perished of cholera, and became a good Indian on the following day.

Arlington has a lively society of people who believe in modern spiritualism. They are not the ones who volunteered to locate the remains of Barrett Scott.

The Norfolk News sarcastically remarks that one hundred years from today Dodge county supervisors will still be discussing that drainage ditch.

Two suspicious looking tramps were arrested at South Auburn and a search revealed a fair collection of jewelry in each wardrobe and fifteen of the legal tender dollars of our dads.

The West Point Republican says the names of Barnice, Wart and Gold-graber are nothing. West Point can boast of Frost, Sunshine, Chada, High, Long, Black, Sass, Reef, etc.

An investigation of the records of Treasurer Beers of Scott's Bluff county showed that the county was indebted to him in the penal sum of \$51, the value of four horses and a wagon.

A man with the jim jams lately wrote a "poem" for the Sutton Register that must have lost the paper many valuable subscribers. It was a terrible travesty on both justice and mercy.

Hastings has a public nuisance who expectorates tobacco juice on glass sere fronts, and the authorities are trying to run him down, and let those he has injured kill him should they so desire.

A subscription paper is now going the rounds in Bellwood for the purpose of raising enough money to see if a flowing well can be found in the public square. The subscription list is being liberally signed.

The Columbus Journal thinks if W. K. Lay is sent to the asylum, any man in the city is liable to be pushed off to the same place if an enemy sees fit to file a complaint. The only trouble with Lay is that he writes too much.

Rev. Adam Sump, formerly pastor of a church at North Platte, but now stationed in a congregation will, if desired, ship a parcel of seed wheat, corn and potatoes to the destitute of Lincoln county.

One of the largest gray wolves ever seen in Nebraska was caught in a trap near Hyannis. Several of these ferocious animals have been devastating that part of the country, and the lucky sceptor gets \$50 for catching one of them.