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THE WORLD AT LARGE.

Summary of the Daily News.

CONGRESSIONAL.

MANY petitions, bills and resolutions were introduced in the Senate on the 9th. Among them were bills for the admission of Idaho and Wyoming as States, and a bill by Senator Plumb to equalize bounties. Senator Turpie presented a resolution looking to the suppression of trusts, and after an executive session the Senate adjourned. In the House Mr. Payne (N. Y.) introduced a bill defining the duties of sergeant-at-arms. After the introduction of several resolutions the Speaker surprised the House by announcing several important committees, being the committees on Ways and Means, Appropriations, Manufactures, Elections and Mileage, with Messrs. McKinley, Cannon, Kelley (Pa.), Rowell and Lincoln, the order named. The House then adjourned until Wednesday.

WHEN the Senate met on the 10th Mr. Morrill reported adversely the bill for the organization of National banks with a capital less than \$50,000. After the introduction of bills Senator Turpie addressed the Senate in favor of his resolution for the suppression of trusts. Senator Everts introduced a bill for holding the World's Fair at New York in 1902, and after an executive session the Senate adjourned. The House was not in session.

In the Senate on the 11th a number of Republican Senators resigned from certain committees in order to make places for Senators from new States. By request Senator Ingalls introduced a Service Pension bill. The Senators then proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives to participate in the centennial ceremonies in commemoration of the inauguration of George Washington. In the House no legislative business was transacted. The Senate, the President and Cabinet, diplomatic corps and other notable persons were received at one o'clock and the ceremonies commemorative of the inauguration of George Washington as first President proceeded, at the conclusion of which the House adjourned.

A NUMBER of bills, petitions and resolutions were introduced in the Senate on the 12th, among them a bill by Senator Stewart for the free coinage of gold and silver; a bill by Senator Butler for the emigration of colored persons from the Southern States. Senator Gibson offered a resolution on the same subject, and Senator Ingalls a resolution for a holiday recess from December 19 to January 8. The Senate then adjourned until Monday. In the House Mr. Butlerworth (Ohio) offered a resolution for a special committee to investigate certain forgeries of signatures of members of Congress during the late campaign in Ohio, which, after an amusing discussion, was adopted. After a lengthy debate upon the report of the special committee to investigate the late defalcation by the cashier of the sergeant-at-arms, the death of Mr. Gay, of Louisiana, was announced and the House adjourned until Monday.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

THE beef combine investigation at Washington on the 9th heard witnesses who testified that the "Big Four" had refused meat at wholesale prices to parties who had secured Government contracts when bidding against the combine.

MRS. SCOTT-LORD, the sister of Mrs. Harrison, died at Washington on the 10th.

THE centennial ceremonies over the inauguration of George Washington as first President of the United States occurred in the hall of the House of Representatives on the 11th. The President and Cabinet and other distinguished native and foreign dignitaries were present. The oration was delivered by Chief Justice Fuller.

A FUND for a monument to Jefferson Davis has been started in Washington, with a subscription of \$100 by General W. H. Payne.

THE Senate has confirmed the nomination of Green B. Baum, of Illinois, as Commissioner of Pensions.

THE EAST.

THE following are the new officers of the National Association of Trotting Horse Breeders elected in New York: President, H. A. T. Mali, New York; first vice-president, L. Stanford, California; second vice-president, J. V. Baker, Jr., Ohio; secretary, L. D. Packer, New York.

HARVEY KENNEDY, one of the oldest and most prominent Wall street brokers, died recently.

PETER CLAUSER, a New York line-man, has been burned to death by electric wires.

REV. J. R. KENDRICK was found dead in bed by the side of his wife at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., the other morning. He was at one time president of Vassar College and was widely known.

THE Johnstown, Pa., theater owner, in whose place the panic occurred, has been censured for not having a proper number of exits.

NEW YORK sheep breeders prefer the abolition of internal taxation to any reduction of the tariff.

By a cave in at Bundy's coal mine near Butler, Pa., one miner was killed and another fatally injured.

MES A. SHAW, formerly a lumber merchant at Towanda, Pa., has been arrested in Washington on a warrant charging him with false pretenses. It is claimed he worked the "pious racket" and succeeded in defrauding the citizens and banks of Wellsboro and Blossburg, Pa., out of \$100,000 and the citizens of Plainfield, N. J., out of a like sum.

GENERAL JOSEPH B. CARR, ex-Secretary of State, is in St. Luke's hospital, New York, with tumor of lower jaw. A section of the jawbone has been removed. He can not talk.

JUDGMENTS for \$90,000 damages against the New York City elevated roads have been docketed.

J. NE FRANKLIN, colored, 107, and Anetia Whitson, 102 years old, died in New York City one day recently.

BOSTON business men gave a banquet at the Hotel Vendome on the 12th. Among the speakers were ex-President Cleveland and Henry W. Grady.

E. N. DICKERSON, the noted New York patent lawyer and leading counsel for the Bell Telephone Company, died in New York City the other night.

MARIE DORSEY, under life sentence for the murder of her father, Benjamin J. Burton, of Newport, R. I., died at the State prison.

THE WEST.

AN awful panic occurred at the Park Opera House, Johnstown, Pa., on the night of the 10th. Thirteen residents of the unfortunate city were killed and about 75 injured. The calamity was due to an alarm of fire.

SISTER MARY KELLY, of the Roman Catholic convent at Harrisburg, Pa., tried to commit suicide by jumping from a window of the third story of a house, but was prevented. She was insane.

B. R. JOHNSON, clerk of a Detroit jewelry firm, sustained fatal injuries the other morning by falling from a fourth story window of a hotel which had caught fire. Other guests had narrow escapes.

THE Chicago Auditorium was dedicated on the 9th in the presence of President Harrison.

COLONEL J. H. RATHBONE, founder of the Knights of Pythias, died at Lima, O., on the 9th.

THE deadlock over the selection of Senators in Montana continued on the 9th.

By a collision between a local freight and a work train near Crawfordsville, Ind., the other day a fireman was killed and three men badly hurt.

THE Missouri Democratic State Central Committee met at St. Louis on the 10th and elected Frank Walker secretary. Walker is a Francis or anti-Vest man.

ROBERT SNYDER, who shot and killed his wife and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Collins, at Eldorado, Kan., August 10, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life at hard labor in the penitentiary.

JOHN TISSE, a brakeman, on a gravel train, was accidentally killed at Atoka, I. T. He fell under the wheels and his head was severed from his body.

The new Union Depot at Moberly, Mo., was the occasion of a demonstration on the 11th. The building is an elegant structure and the citizens are justified in their pride concerning it.

GENERAL DAVIS ATWOOD, editor of the State Journal, of Madison, Wis., died recently. He served a term in Congress and was one of the leading Republicans of the State. He had been connected with the press nearly fifty years.

It is now openly stated that gross frauds are being perpetrated in Kansas under the pretext of voting bonds for sugar manufacture.

A DISPATCH from Cheyenne, Wyo., says: "Kettle Jack's" gang of horse and cattle thieves in the Big Horn valley, eleven in number, are reported to have been lynched by a band of settlers.

EXPERT burglars broke open C. A. Whyland & Co.'s safe in their commission office, near the Board of Trade, Chicago, the other night and secured \$5,000 worth of negotiable bonds.

CHARLES CROOK, a well-known character living near Sioux City, Iowa, after a hot race with a train, tried to cross in front of the engine and was torn to fragments.

JOHN MARTIN, aged eight years; Ambrose Donnelly, aged ten and Bert Sheldon, aged twelve, broke through the ice while skating on a mill pond at Ironton, in Sauk County, Wis. Martin and Sheldon were dead when their bodies were recovered, ten minutes after the accident, but Donnelly was resuscitated.

JUDGE SAMUEL MAXWELL, a member of the Supreme Court of Nebraska since the admission of the State, has been offered the position of chief attorney for the Consolidated Street Railway Company of Omaha, with \$10,000 salary.

ANDREW J. DENISON, for thirty years a merchant of Chicago and an enthusiastic Democrat, died the other night of pneumonia.

BEFORE adjourning the Indiana State Grange declared in favor of Chicago as the place for holding the World's Fair.

THE estimated damage by flood in the vicinity of Colusa, Cal., will reach \$1,000,000, mostly to crops.

JOHN GILLMAN, the murderer of Mrs. Ettenhofer and child, has been hanged at Empire City, Ore.

THE current expenses of the State charities of Kansas for the month of November amounted to \$26,849.28.

THE SOUTH.

SOUTHERN students at Johns Hopkins University passed resolutions of condolence on the death of Jeff Davis. By the explosion of a boiler in Dean & King's saw mill, near Birmingham, Ala., four men were killed.

Two thousand longshoremen of Savannah, Ga., went on a strike on the 10th. Not a bale of cotton was loaded. The trouble had its origin in the determination of the stevedores to stand by the ship merchants as against the owners of vessels in the case of custody of customs fees.

THE funeral services over the remains of Jefferson Davis occurred at New Orleans on the 11th. Bishop Galagher, of the Episcopal Church, officiated, assisted by Bishop Thompson and clergy of other denominations. The procession was lengthy and was an imposing display. The body was laid in its temporary resting place after military rites.

LOUIS WILKOWSKI, the mayor of Starke, Fla., was shot and killed by Albert Thrasher at Gainesville, Fla., recently. The affair was due, it was said, to family complications.

SEVERAL days ago the trainmen of the Pratt mines, near Birmingham, Ala., struck for higher wages. Later over 1,200 free miners stopped work, demanding that the trainmen's request be granted. They say that they will not run the risk of operating the mines with green hands, and propose to support the strikers.

JOHN TIERNY, a wealthy railroad contractor, fell from a construction train near Granburg, Tex., and was horribly injured.

CARTER WILKINSON, colored, has been hanged at Plaquemine, La., for killing his paramour.

GENERAL.

FIFTEEN thousand seals have been killed in the Gulf of St. Lawrence during the past few days.

THREE renowned German artists have been commissioned to paint a panorama of Stanley's and Emin's adventures for the American World's Fair.

THE Hotel Suisse, Amsterdam, was destroyed by fire the other night. The guests all escaped.

THE son of Minister Lincoln, reported very sick, has greatly improved.

THE National League magistrates have commenced legal proceedings against the Brotherhood ball players.

THERE are efforts in France to scare up a boom for General Boulanger.

MCDONALD, the alleged candy poisoner, of St. Johns, N. B., has been proven insane.

EX-CONSUL SEWELL is to be reappointed Consul at Api, Samoa.

GENERAL SICKLES' daughter, by his second wife, eloped recently with a bartender.

THERE is a rumor that Silcott, the defaulter, is on his way to Chili.

BOMBAY dispatches say there will be no famine in the Madras presidency. Rain has fallen and supplies have gone from the north.

It is reported from Rio de Janeiro that the jewels of the Empress of Brazil have been stolen. They were exceedingly valuable.

EMIN PASHA is pronounced by his physicians to be much better and in excellent spirits. He, however, requires constant attention from his physicians.

THE Bell Telephone Company has declared a dividend of \$3 per share, payable January 15.

THE natives of Swasiland, South Africa, have agreed to permit a tripartite of two Englishmen and one Transvaal Dutchman to govern their country.

ROBERT BROWNING, the poet, died at Venice, Italy, on the 12th. He was born in London in 1812, and started a new school of thought, many cities in America and Europe having branch societies.

EDWARD BRADLEY, whose writings as "Cuthbert Bede" have gained him world-wide celebrity, died in England recently.

THE threatened strike of the coal porters employed by the London gas companies has been averted by arbitration.

ALL the printers in Berne, Switzerland, have struck for higher wages. Several papers were unable to issue their usual editions.

OWING to the scarcity of farm laborers in Germany, the project of importing Chinese farm hands has been received with great favor.

ENGLISH newspapers, without exception, print extended obituary notices of the poet Browning, bestowing upon his achievements a measure of praise which they as unanimously withheld from him during his life. They agree that he possessed and displayed a high degree of genius, but are inclined to the belief that much of what passed for admiration of his works was really affectation.

GREAT excitement has been caused in high circles in Berlin by the arrest of a woman occupying an exalted position in society on the charge of being a procurer.

LE CARON, the spy and informer, is shortly to publish a book relating his personal adventures and experiences, in which enterprise he is understood to be backed by several men prominent in the leadership of the English Conservative party.

THE LATEST.

By the burning of a boarding house at Hancock Mich., the other night two women and a child perished.

THERE seems to be no doubt that Dr. Minor, G. Morris Hales and Louis Cox, prominent citizens were drowned at Seattle, Wash. Their bodies were not recovered.

THREE children were drowned at Port Hope, Ont., recently, by breaking through the ice on a pond.

A DISASTROUS explosion occurred in the Belmez mines, Spain. Many of the unfortunate men at work were killed and injured.

By two caves-in at the Big Champion mine at Iron Mountain, Mich., on the 13th three miners lost their lives.

THE Star distillery, non-trust, at Peoria, Ill., was burned recently. One man lost his life.

By the explosion of a boiler in a saw mill at Covington, Tenn., Robert Jones and Mack Stewart, engineers, were instantly killed, and Jack Chandler and Buell Enos, sawyers, were fatally injured.

SAM BROKAW, baggage master on the Grand Rapids & Ishpeming railroad, has been arrested, charged with robbing the mails. For the year past the mail pouches on his route have been rifled and thrown into the river.

MRS. BOOTE, wife of the General of the Salvation Army, who has been suffering from cancer for some time, is sinking rapidly. All hope of her recovery has been abandoned.

THREE trainmen were killed by a collision of a freight train with a flat car at Graham, Mo., on the 13th. Four others were badly injured.

THE strike at the great Pratt mines near Birmingham, Ala., has been adjusted.

THE Chicago Daily News published a sensational report of a plot to murder one of the Cronin jurors during the trial.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended December 12 numbered, including Canada, 290, compared with 316 the previous week and 303 the corresponding week of last year.

SECRETARY TRACY will call for bids for the construction of a new 3,500-ton and a 7,500-ton cruiser. The appropriation for the former is \$1,800,000 and for the latter \$3,500,000.

THE bureau of statistics of the Treasury Department reports that during November the value of breadstuffs exported was \$10,053,446.

SUGAR FRAUDS.

Secretary Mohler Advised of Frauds in Selling Bonds for Sugar Mills—The Profits From Legitimate Business.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 13.—Secretary Mohler, of the State Board of Agriculture, has received a dispatch from Meade announcing that big frauds had been unearthed in connection with the Minneola sugar works and requesting him to start at once for Meade and investigate the matter. He held a conference with the Governor and then telegraphed that it would be impossible for him to leave the city at present, but that he would send some one to Minneola to look into the matter.

Later information was received that the American Sugar Company, of which O. B. Hamilton, of Meade, is president, and which built and operated a sugar factory at Minneola, Clark County, last fall used imported barrel sugar in making its sirup in order to deceive the people who had voted bonds to establish the works. The Adamson or "roasting" process was employed in this mill.

W. G. Emerson, R. M. Painter and A. T. Bodle, are credited with the discovery of the fraud. All of them have been instrumental in helping the American Sugar Company introduce its plants, and they feel that they have been shamefully duped.

A dispatch from Meade states that fortunately the \$90,000 of bonds voted in six different townships were not in possession of the American Sugar Company and would therefore be returned to those who voted them.

Secretary Mohler said to a correspondent: "If Messrs. Emerson and Painter can prove the charge they make against the American Sugar Company—and it is reasonable to suppose that they can, for they are conservative men and would not take the position they now occupy without the strongest kind of evidence—the sugar industry of Kansas will undoubtedly receive a serious setback. So far as indiscriminate bonding of townships and counties is concerned the sooner it is stopped the better. While I regard profitable sugar making in Kansas I am free to admit that the experimental stage has not been passed, and it is folly for the people of Western Kansas to accept blindly the representations of men who wish to erect mills through purely selfish motives. The mill at Medicine Lodge, which was built by Colonel Eldred with his own money, has made a good showing this year, and from its work I expect to be able to gather before long reliable statistics concerning the industry."

"I propose," continued Mr. Mohler, "to have the representative of every sugar plant and process in the State present at the annual meeting of the Board of Agriculture next month, so that the public may learn the exact status of affairs as regards sorghum sugar making. In the meantime the charges against the American Sugar Company will be investigated."

The process employed by the American Sugar Company is the one which its representatives promise to use in the mills they are now seeking to establish in Stanton and Haskell Counties through the aid of bonds.

T. A. McNeal, of Medicine Lodge, said that the Eldred mill, which uses the diffusion process, has made 450,000 pounds of sugar this year, most of which has been marketed at a good price. Colonel Eldred has been experimenting with beet sugar with considerable success. From four acres of beets he manufactured 9,000 pounds of good sugar. He proposes to devote a large acreage to sugar beets next season and then be able to manufacture beet sugar after the regular sorghum season is over. In this way he expects to make his mill pay handsome dividends.

THE FIRST PRESIDENT.

The Centennial of the Inauguration of the First President Celebrated at the Capitol.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The two houses held a joint meeting Wednesday, in pursuance to a resolution of the last Congress, to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the inauguration of the first President. The meeting was, in fact, supplemental to the centennial celebration of the adoption of the Constitution observed in Philadelphia last spring. The Hall of Representatives was literally crowded and the gathering was in every respect notable. The great men of the Nation were in attendance and the foreign representatives were numerous—the Pan-American congress being in attendance in a body.

At one o'clock Vice-President Morton called the vast assembly to order and after prayer Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller of the Supreme Court was introduced as the orator of the day. The new Chief Justice, little known in public life in the capital city, made a profound impression. His address was ornate as well as clear cut, and his analysis of Washington's character is judged as being one of the best critiques ever spoken of "the Father of His Country." He eulogized Washington both for his deeds as a war chief and his thorough conservatism and patriotism as the first Chief Magistrate of our country. Judge Fuller spoke at length, but his essay was of a character to command and retain the attention of his great and intelligent audience.

Miss Sicker's Elopement.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Thomas Dinham and Miss Alta Sicles, lately applied to Rev. F. B. Van Kleeck, pastor of Grace Episcopal Church here and were married. Miss Sicles is a daughter of General Daniel Sicles and granddaughter of George E. Sicles, who died at New Rochelle about three years ago leaving an estate of about \$2,000,000. She is eight years old and recently graduated from a Catholic convent in Montreal. Dinham is about twenty-five years of age, and is employed as a bartender at New Rochelle. The affair turns out to be an elopement.

MANY ACCIDENTS.

Fatal Wreck on the Wabash Road—A Fatal Boarding House Fire in Michigan—Prominent Citizens of Washington Drowned—Other Casualties.

ACCIDENT ON THE WABASH.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—An accident occurred last night on the Wabash railroad near the town of Graham, fourteen miles west of here, in which three men were killed and four badly injured. The dead are: Charles Seffenbaugh, conductor, Sandusky, O.; James Esterbrook, brakeman, St. Charles, Mo.; Ed Kennedy, engineer, Ferguson, Mo. The injured are: P. King, James Kennedy, Charles King, Charles Stout. The men were on the engine of a Wabash Western freight, and were coming into the town of Ferguson. A flat car obstructed the track, and in the collision the engine and tender were thrown from the track and the engineer, conductor and brakeman killed. The injured men were on the flat car and saved themselves by jumping.

FATAL FLAMES.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 13.—A special from Hancock, Mich., says the Huron mine offices, a large building, formerly occupied as a store, burned last night. The second story was used as a boarding house. Of the twelve boarders eleven were working on the night shift. One man jumped, injuring himself badly. Two Finlander women and a six-weeks-old child perished in the flames. A fireman succeeded in getting one of them to the window, but on account of the dense smoke was compelled to leave the insensible woman to save his own life. Portions of the bodies of the victims were found this morning. The books of the mine office were saved. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is several thousand dollars.

THREE CHILDREN DROWNED.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—There seems to be no longer a shadow of doubt as to the sad fate of Dr. Minor, G. Morris Hales and Louis Cox. Flags are displayed at half mast all over Seattle, and the city hall is draped in mourning. A meeting was held by the Bar Association and Chamber of Commerce to take suitable memorial action in respect to the memory of the dead. A large party has been organized to institute a thorough search for the bodies of the three men. The beach will be patrolled day and night near the scene of the drowning. The bodies are expected to be found within a short distance of where the Indian canoe was found, but they are not expected to rise for several days yet.

BURIED IN A MINE.

ISHPEMING, Mich., Dec. 14.—Three miners were buried by a fall of ground in the Big Champion mine at Iron Mountain, Mich. William Leech was rescued badly burned, but alive. August Magnusson and Gustaf Erickson were taken out dead. At six o'clock last evening another fall took place in the "C" shaft of the same mine, killing Ed Parmenter. The body has not been recovered.

FATAL FIRE.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 14.—Early yesterday morning the Oklahoma House, Thirteenth and Walnut, was discovered on fire by Policeman Moran, who dashed through the flames and smoke and aroused the sleeping inmates. James Russell, aged twenty-two, however, was overcome and perished. Two others were hurt. There are suspicions of incendiarism and Charles Marchant, the cook, has been placed under arrest.

CAUGHT IN THE MACHINERY.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 14.—Isaac George, a miller of this city, was horribly mangled in the machinery of his mill yesterday morning. His leg was caught in a pulley and ground to a pulp to the knee, the skin being entirely torn off from that point to the hip. He can hardly recover.

FEARFUL MINE EXPLOSION.

MADRID, Dec. 14.—There has been an explosion in the Belmez mines. Fifteen injured persons have been brought to the mouth of the pit. The number of dead is unknown, but it is thought to be large.

Republicans Defeated at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—A board of waterways of nine members was elected Thursday. The Independent "Citizens" ticket, consisting of Judge Richard Prendergast, A. P. Gilmore and J. J. Altper, Independent Democrats, and H. J. Willing, Christopher Hotz and Murry Nelson, Independent Republicans, were elected. Of the straight Democratic ticket, John H. King, William H. Russell and Frank Wenter were elected. The straight Republican ticket was snowed under.

Diamonds Found in Wyoming.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 14.—A topaz which differs from the African diamond has been discovered in Popoagie canyon, Wyoming. The stone is reported as being plentiful, and many have left for the new "diamond fields of Wyoming."

Found Dead on His Claim.

GUTHRIE, I. T., Dec. 14.—Dr. Martin Cheney, formerly of Kingman, Kan., was found dead on his claim about six miles southeast of here yesterday afternoon. He had been shot in the head with a rifle and was still warm when it was reported and the deputy marshals were reached him. When shot he was sitting on a log at the edge of the woods and was probably mistaken for a deer, as several hunting parties were scouring the woods at that place. He had been here since April 22 and had a fine claim and no contest. He leaves a sister and two children in Waco, Tex.

FRAUDS CHARGED.

Grave Accusations Against Henry Crawford, of Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—For two days past two prominent Indiana lawyers, General Lew Wallace and Lew Hatch, have been at the Grand Pacific Hotel on a secret mission, and extraordinary measures have been taken to prevent publicity. The object of the visit, however, was manifested when they appeared in Judge Gresham's chambers and laid before the judge charges of a sensational character against Henry Crawford, the well-known Chicago lawyer and railroad speculator.

The accusations against Mr. Crawford are, in brief, that in 1855 he bought the Midland Railway Company of Indiana for \$40,000 for a foreclosure sale, and within a short time thereafter originated a scheme for floating bonds for \$10,000,000 upon a road the value of whose rolling stock, right of way and all other assets was not over \$175,000. Fraud of a bold and ingenious kind is charged against him, and on a portion of the \$10,000,000 issue of bonds \$26,000 are known to have been obtained with a prospect that this is only a part of the sum fraudulently realized.

Messrs. Wallace and Hatch represent the Loan & Investment Company of New York, which claims to be a victim of Mr. Crawford's railroad financing to the extent of \$150,000 and is the first to complain.

A GRAVE STORY.

Evidence of the Premature Burial of a Young Girl.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 15.—A sad case of premature burial has just developed here. About a month ago diphtheria appeared in the house of a prominent family. A young domestic was terribly frightened and desired to go to her home in the country, but the attending physician would not permit her, not from fear of spreading the disease, but to render assistance to the family. A young child died of the dread disease, and this, with the horror of diseases, caused the girl to take to her bed, and she apparently died in a few hours, and was at once buried by the authorities. A few days ago her parents obtained permission to remove the body to the country, and upon opening the casket they were horrified to discover that the body was lying on its face, the hair wrenched from the head and the flesh literally torn from the face and hands.

THE SUPREME COURT.

Reasons Why the Number of Justices Should Be Increased.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—One of the reasons which the Supreme Court Justices think should have weight in favor of the passage of a bill to increase the number of Justices of the Supreme Court bench is the large territory over which some of them have to preside when they go on circuit during the summer recess of the court. Justice Miller's circuit includes Colorado, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and the Northwest. This circuit is the one Judge Brewer has presided over, and there is a unanimity of opinion among lawyers that it is too large for one Circuit Judge, and that the extreme Western territory should be divided by creating at least two additional Supreme Court Justices to sit with the Circuit Judges in the new made district when not on the bench at Washington.

NATIVES SLAUGHTERED.

Serpa Panta Accused of Deceit and the Killing of Makololo People.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 15.—Mozambique advises state that Serpa Panta, after deceiving British Consul Johnson by declaring his intentions to be peaceful, obtained reinforcements in Mozambique and proceeded to the Makololo country, where he and his party entrenched themselves and declared war upon Makololo, slaughtering hundreds of men with Gatling guns. It is rumored that the Gatling guns were lately placed at the disposal of Serpa Panta by Consul Johnson. The Makololo people were thoroughly subdued, and believing that the English had abandoned them, accepted the domination of the Portuguese. Serpa Panta has publicly announced his intention to subdue the entire country to Nyassa.

Murder and Suicide.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 15.—John McDonnell, a farmer of Tyrone township a few miles north of this city, went hunting, leaving his home and farm in the keeping of his wife and hired man. Upon his return about noon he found his wife dead in the house and Gilmore a corpse in the woods across the road. The wife had been strangled with a leather thong tightly wound about her neck and from the appearance of the room had made a desperate struggle for her life. Gilmore committed suicide with an old musket loaded with buckshot and his throat and breast were riddled with bullets. The motive for the tragedy is thought to have been Gilmore's infatuation for the woman.

Saved His Bride.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 15.—Henry Tyson, who was arrested in Kansas City some months ago and convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of John King in Denver, has saved his neck, the jury having returned a verdict that Tyson is insane.

Took His Bride Along.

CHEYENNE, W. T., Dec. 15.—Thomas R. Adams, manager of the cattle ranch of the Milwaukee & Wyoming Investment Company, has absconded. His defalcations are estimated at \$15,000. He has been married about six weeks. He took his bride with him. Drink and gambling are the causes attributed.

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