



A Gigantic Task Is Finished.
The final volume of the biggest literary work ever undertaken and executed in the world, dealing with the American civil war, the greatest conflict of arms in all history, has just been completed at the government printing office in Washington. The title of the work is "War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies." It consists of 128 huge royal octavo volumes of 1,000 pages each, and in addition a gigantic atlas in thirty-five parts. The publication was begun twenty-six years ago and has proceeded uninterruptedly since. The distribution of the volumes as public documents has gone on for eighteen years. Many of the persons to whom they were furnished at first have died.



GEN. AINSWORTH.
and many of the libraries originally designated to receive them have disbanded, leaving a great quantity of odd volumes still undistributed. So now, to utilize these, and give to the public an opportunity to procure sets of the work, the secretary of war is authorized by a provision in the Sundry Civil act passed at the recent session of Congress to complete and furnish to each senator and representative of Congress two full sets for free distribution among their constituents. In December, 1898, when the original board that had charge of the publication was dissolved the work was turned over to Brigadier General F. C. Ainsworth, chief of the Record and Pension Office of the War Department for early completion. Under his efficient administration the work has greatly been accelerated, and happily now finished, except the mere printing of the final volumes.

May Gaboo Astor.
William Waldorf Astor's recent paragraph in his paper, the Pall Mall Gazette, saying that Sir Berkeley Milne of the Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly, formerly commander of the royal yacht Osborne and a well-known clubman, attended a concert at his home without an invitation, is making a great commotion in London society, and threatens to seriously affect Mr. Astor's position. It seems that Captain Milne was dining at the house of a well known woman, who asked him to go with her party to the Astor concert. This is daily done in London, and Sir Berkeley Milne unhesitatingly accepted. On arriving, Mr. Astor, instead of shaking hands with the captain, asked the latter his name. Milne told him and said that Lady Astor brought him with her party. Mr. Astor replied that he had not the pleasure of his acquaintance, requested him to leave and added that he would insert a notice in the newspapers. Sir Berkeley retired in confusion and from the Naval and Military club the same night sent Mr. Astor a letter of apology and expressed the hope that he would allow the matter to drop. In spite of this Mr. Astor, in his paper the next afternoon inserted, as cabled to New York at the time, the following paragraph: "We are desirous to make known that the presence of Captain Sir Berkeley Milne of the Naval and Military club, Piccadilly, at Mr. Astor's concert last Thursday evening was uninvited." Captain Milne's many influential friends, who include the Duke of York, are furious, and the Duke and other naval officers regarding Mr. Astor's conduct as an insult to their profession as well as to a personal friend.

Nailing Campaign Lies.
Nailing lies constitutes an important feature of the business of candidates and campaign managers in every political campaign. The "good-enough-Morgan-until-after-election" method of influencing voters is hoary with age, but never a campaign is waged without the employment of this ancient device. Mark Hanna for the Republicans and Senator Jones for the Democrats will deny some of the campaign lies, but they can't find time to deny all of them. The safe rule for the average newspaper reader is to believe no campaign yarn that is improbable.

A Famous Midget.
Mrs. Gen. Tom Thumb, who has just arrived in New York from Europe, is the most famous midget in the world and has been such for forty years, if the single exception of her late husband be allowed. She is now the Countess Magri, and is accompanied by her second husband, whose stature is about the same as that of his celebrated spouse. The countess was a Miss Bump of Middleborough, Mass. She met Charles S. Stratton (Gen. Tom Thumb) at the house of P. T. Barnum in 1853, and married him in 1861. This little pair traveled over all the world, and were received everywhere. They met Abraham Lincoln, the Prince and Princess of Wales, Emperor Napoleon, the Empress Eugenie, Gen. Sherman, Admiral Porter, Gen. Grant, John Wilkes Booth, a few presidents of the United States, and several Oriental princes.

Mrs. Thumb was first exhibited at Barnum's Museum in New York. In 1865 she and the general went abroad and were received by Queen Victoria at Windsor. They were afterwards engaged by companies of illitutions for the stage. The countess is now 60, but as youthful in spirit as she was forty years ago.

Porter's Good Work.
Indications have not been lacking during the past year of the anxiety of the French government and the French press to obliterate the feeling on the part of a few toward France aroused in America by the alleged hostile attitude of this country towards the United States in the war with Spain and to endeavor by every means in their power to re-establish Franco-American relations on a more friendly basis. These efforts have been attended by a most satisfactory measure of success, but the participation of the French government in, and the exceptionally cordial tone of the French press towards the Washington and Fourth of July fetes have given an unmistakable stamp to the direction of France's foreign policy. Horace Porter, our ambassador to France, is in a measure responsible for the present happy state of affairs.

Grand Old Li.
Li Hung Chang has been called a great statesman, but Henry Norman, English correspondent, declares that he is an arch humbug, and there is a large range for speculation between these two extremes of opinion. Still, we know more about this old viceroys than we do about any other Chinese. The people of the United States have a kindly regard for the old viceroys. He has even been the warm friend of this country. A few days ago he said to an American correspondent: "Whatever the outcome of this war it will not mar the friendly relations between my country and yours. Ad-



LI HUNG CHANG.
miral Kempff's refusal to join in the assault on our forts at Taku shows that he clearly understands the situation."

What the Kaiser Said.
Among those who were ear witnesses of the emperor's remarks to the marines at Wilhelmshaven previous to their departure for China it is known that his address was much more strongly worded than officially reported, and the newspapers of Wilhelmshaven and that vicinity published the original version, in which occurs the following: "I hope to re-establish peace with the sword and take vengeance in a manner never before seen by the German Emperor, fore seen by the fatherland by barbarians. I shall not rest until the German colors fly from the Peking wall."



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Kissing Bug Again.
Three cases of bites by kissing bugs have just been reported in New York city. They are the first that have been reported to the hospital. The victims were attacked near Marsh Lands. Emilie Zeigler was attended by a doctor in the Long Island Hospital. Mary Tassard was bitten at Richmond Hill. She did not report the fact until her mouth was swollen to twice its natural size. She was treated in the Bellevue Hospital. The third case was that of a young woman who was bitten near Rockaway, and was attended in the Long Island Hospital. In all the cases the result was the same. The lip was attacked and the victims at first thought they had been bitten by mosquitoes. The bite was painful, and in a few minutes the lips began to swell, and continued swelling until



THE KISSING BUG AND HOW HE KISSES.
They were puffed out so the persons bitten thought they were as large as teacups.

Making British Flags.
One of the best indications of the way in which the United States is invading the markets of the world is to be found in the fact that most of the British flags sold in England nowadays are imported from America. This statement is made on the authority of a dealer in London, who is quoted in the Morning Leader of that city. There are no statistics at hand, but the number of British flags made in America runs into the millions, according to this dealer. He explained the fact by saying that Americans made the flags better and cheaper, and that more flags were made and sold in the United States than anywhere else. He also added that nearly all the British flags used in Canada came from the republic.

Rear Admiral Kempff.
Rear Admiral Kempff has just been relieved of command of the American fleet in Chinese waters. Just previous to the combined assault of Europe's warships on the Taku forts, the admirals held a council for the purpose of deciding what course to take. Admiral Kempff on behalf of the United States argued against assault, saying that it would result in the massacre of every missionary in China. Admiral Kempff. When the other admirals decided to fight he withdrew the American squadron and looked on. He has been succeeded by Admiral Remey.

A New Terror to Public Men.
The camera fiend is bad enough, and there is continual protest against him by every person in whom the public takes an interest. But the biograph fiend, who is threatening the peace of notables, is much worse. Kinetoscope pictures are about to be put within the reach of every one. A London concern has established a studio where people may go to have moving pictures taken of themselves, just as they now go to be photographed, and a cheap apparatus for the reproduction of the films is sold, which while not so good as those used in the theaters and nickel-in-the-slot devices yet answers the purpose. The manager of the studio says that it is in demand for weddings. The bride and bridegroom, bridesmaids, best man, and all the rest are photographed while the wedding ceremony is being performed, and the happy pair and their friends have copies of the films as souvenirs of the occasion. But this is not the worst. A cheap biograph machine has been invented by which a person may take hundreds of snap shots of any one whom he chooses and reproduce them.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Young Lady of Elk Creek Severely Injured at Tecumseh.

THE PROHIBITIONIST STATE TICKET

C. L. Nash, a Farmer, Near Ashland Badly Cut Up by a Reaper, Drawn by Five Frightened Horses — Other State News.

Injured by a Fall From Wheel.
TECUMSEH, Neb., July 13.—As Miss Amy Lawrence and Miss Blanch Hughes were bicycle riding Wednesday evening the former suffered a painful accident. They were riding at a lively gait when Miss Lawrence's wheel struck an old can in the road. She was thrown completely over the handlebars and landed on her head and back. She was picked up in an unconscious condition and taken home. Upon examination the physician found that four of her ribs were severed from the spine, her head badly lacerated and one limb considerably injured. The unfortunate young woman remained in a semi-conscious condition for hours and grave hopes were entertained for her recovery for a time. It is now believed she will recover, but she will be confined to her bed for weeks. The young woman lives in Elk Creek and the accident occurred there.

Prohibition State Ticket.
LINCOLN, July 13.—The following state ticket was named at the prohibitionist convention today: Governor, L. O. Jones, Lincoln; lieutenant governor, Charles P. Lawson, Santee; Agency; secretary of state, N. L. Whitney, Beatrice; treasurer, C. C. Crowell, Blair; land commissioner, Erastus Hickman, Seward; auditor, Wilson Brody, Brody; attorney general, D. M. Strong, North Bend; superintendent of schools, Bartley Blair, Pogo. Electors at large: D. A. Shafer, St. Edward; Joel Warner, Creston. Electors: First congressional district, Charles E. Smith, Falls City; Second, John Dale, Omaha; Third, C. L. Carpenter, Creighton; Fourth, Frank A. Burt, Aurora; Fifth, William Trimmim, Orleans; Sixth, George H. Hornby, Valentine.

Cut in Pieces by Harvester.
ASHLAND, Neb., July 13.—A frightful accident happened at the farm of C. L. Nash, nine miles northwest of this city, yesterday afternoon, resulting in the death of Willie, the 9-year-old son of Melville Frederick, a farmer living near Memphis. Mr. Frederick was gathering grain with a reaper, to which there were five horses hitched, the little boy riding the leader. The horses became frightened and unmanageable, throwing the boy under the sickle of the machine. His left leg was severed below the knee, his left arm was literally cut to pieces and there were dreadful injuries about the lower part of his body. The child was beyond the help of surgical skill, which was immediately summoned, and died in a few hours.

Grasshoppers Doing Damage.
CREIGHTON, Neb., July 17.—Some of the farmers of this county are complaining that the grasshoppers are doing considerable damage to the wheat and oats, and say that if rain does not come soon that they will materially shorten these crops. Some farmers say they suffered from the recent hail storm, which destroyed the crops for a strip about two miles wide and several miles long, passing about two miles north of Creighton. Some of the corn that was thought to be entirely destroyed bids fair to make from one-fourth to one-third of a crop.

Cambridge Buys Bloodhounds.
CAMBRIDGE, Neb., July 13.—The pair of bloodhounds recently purchased by the citizens of Cambridge arrived from Tennessee today. The numerous midnight depredations during the last few months prompted the citizens to take this precaution. It is believed that the hounds will not only stop burglary, but put an end to the petty thievery which has been quite prevalent.

Span of Bridge Drops.
FULLERTON, Neb., July 13.—A thirty-foot span of the bridge crossing the Loup river near this city gave way yesterday, dropping Russel Hadley and a traction engine and tender which were crossing at the time a distance of fifteen feet to the water below. Hadley was slightly scalped about the face and neck and his ankle was sprained. The injuries are not serious.

Lightning Kills Cattle.
PIERCE, Neb., July 17.—During a thunder storm lightning killed two cows for Joseph Forsyth, living north of town, and knocked his herder, a young boy by the name of Albright, off his horse and splintered his saddle. The boy and pony escaped without injury. William Fuesz also lost two horses by lightning and C. W. Mings one.

York Needs More Schools.
YORK, Neb., July 17.—At the school meeting held here a resolution was adopted that more school rooms are needed and that a site should be purchased and a new ward school building be built on East hill. This will give York four ward school buildings and the High school building.

Hold Up by Masked Men.
PLATTSBROUGH, Neb., July 17.—Two hold masked men entered the Missouri Pacific depot here and, showing a revolver through the ticket window, ordered Night Operator Becker to "cough up." He permitted them to enter the office and help themselves. Not knowing the combination to the safe he could not open it, as they requested. After taking all the money in sight, his knife and pocketbook they accompanied him about one mile up the track and returned his pocketbook minus its contents and his watch.

MRS. FIGG TAKES THE STAND

Testifies in Her Own Behalf Before the Insanity Board.

PAPILLION, Neb., July 13.—The argument before the Insanity board in the Figg case was closed this afternoon at 2 o'clock and the board took a recess until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. The proceedings were enlivened somewhat today by the appearance of Mrs. Figg on the stand. While she maintained a quiet demeanor it was evident that her feelings were undergoing a terrible strain. Some of the questions she refused to answer, claiming Attorney General C. C. Wright was of a worldly make-up, while the questions should be answered to God. Her husband also took the stand and along with a general denial stated that his wife was becoming more proper in a Godly form every day. During the entire trial Mrs. Figg sat holding a little girl. Her face was a study. She has eyes that resemble burnt holes in a blanket and has a habit of casting them heavenward, at times when testimony was not to her liking her features would become rigid. The general opinion prevails that she will be acquitted. Dr. Armstrong, the examining physician, made a report that the accused were sound physically and mentally.

Shocked by Lightning.
HARVARD, Neb., July 17.—Quite a severe thunder storm passed over this city from northwest to southeast. Rain fell in torrents for a few moments and filled the gutters. The thunder and lightning were very sharp and one particularly sharp flash was immediately followed by a report like the discharge of a thirty-two pound rifle. Where the bolt struck has not been ascertained, but it could not have been far from Delaney's elevator, as a team of horses standing on the scales was so severely shocked that one fell down and the driver standing in the wagon was momentarily stunned.

Goes Into Voluntary Liquidation.
TECUMSEH, Neb., July 17.—Cashier L. R. Bailey of the Exchange bank of Vesta finds that there is not sufficient banking business in the little town to pay him for his services and consequently the management of the concern has decided to quit. The bank has gone into voluntary liquidation and is now closing up its business. The depositors have been paid in full. Mr. Bailey will devote his energies to farming.

Farmer Boy Hurt.
TRENTON, Neb., July 17.—William Lyons, son of J. M. Lyons, the stockman, met with a painful accident. He was bringing safe cattle from the pasture about one-half mile west of town. When crossing the bridge his horse became uncontrollable and jumped over falling about thirty feet. Will was picked up and taken home in a wagon. The physician found his wrist broken, a number of bruises and probably hurt in the region of the lungs.

Tecumseh Bank Closes.
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Firemen's Tournament.
YORK, Neb., July 17.—The firemen and citizens of York are getting in readiness to entertain visitors to the firemen's tournament to be held here July 24-25-26. They have just completed a fine track and are building an amphitheater on each side of the track to seat 5,000 people, besides a fine band stand. The track is located only one block from the public square.

Grain Stacks Burned.
GENEVA, Neb., July 17.—Several stacks containing wheat off of fourteen acres and oats off of seventeen acres belonging to Will Cameron, in Madison precinct, caught fire from a Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley engine and were burned up. Neighbors made strenuous efforts to stop the fire and save the stacks, but the high wind carried it on.

Neck Broken by a Fall.
ALBION, Neb., July 17.—A sad accident occurred here, whereby D. K. Pittenger, a prominent young farmer living east of the city, lost his life. He with some others were moving away hay when in some manner he fell from the mow, a distance of about eight feet, breaking his neck. The deceased had only been married about a year.

Burglars Still at Large.
PLATTSBROUGH, Neb., July 13.—Sheriff W. D. Wheeler and Special Detective Delong have thus far failed to learn anything more as to the whereabouts of the two men who held up and robbed the night operator and the ticket office of the Missouri Pacific. As the robbers could not get the safe open they only succeeded in getting about \$10 cash, and half of that belonged to the operator.

Farmer Killed by Fall.
ALBION, Neb., July 12.—At 10 o'clock today D. R. Pittenger fell from the upper floor of his hay barn, striking on his head and breaking his neck. He lived only a few moments.

State Fair Contracts.
LINCOLN, July 13.—The State Board of Agriculture met tonight and awarded contracts for state fair supplies. Secretary Furnas said all indications pointed to the largest exhibit of live stock in the history of the fair. He said Omaha implement dealers were also giving the fair strong support and were preparing to make extensive exhibits. He was putting away alfalfa in the barn and getting too close to the door was accidentally pushed off by a fork full of the hay. He leaves a young wife. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America lodge here.

NO LINE FROM PEKIN.

Unauthenticated Rumors All that Emulate From Chinese Empire.

LONDON, July 10.—With the foreigners in Peking probably safe amid civil war, with Prince Ching on their side, with the powers united and their forces constantly increasing, the outlook in China is rather more hopeful than it has been for a month past. It appears from the cautious statement given out by Taotai Shong in Shanghai that the reason that the levy guns bearing on the legation in Peking were not used is that Prince Ching, who is served by 10,000 mounted troops, seized all the artillery ammunition. Sheng likewise intimates that Lung Yu, commander in chief of the northern army is associated with Prince Ching in opposing Prince Tuan's ferocious designs and dictatorial ambitions. Sheng, who appears to be the sole Shanghai conduit of Peking news cheers the foreign consuls by these confidential communications, but takes excessive precaution to prevent the Chinese from thinking him friendly to foreigners. The feeling of untrust in the southern and central provinces continues. The members of the official classes in those provinces strive to remain neutral with a leaning toward the foreigners until they shall know whether the moderate or extreme factions will win in Peking. Prince Ching seems to be standing for the dynasty and the old order against Prince Tuan's inordinate ambition.

From a foreign point of view the capture of Peking is the key to the situation, as there is fear, according to the Daily Mail's Shanghai correspondent, that delay now means one hundred recruits for the Boxers for every soldier of the allies in the land. Two couriers arrived at Tien Tsui on July from Peking. One brought a letter from Sir Claude Macdonald, the British minister, to the same effect as that previously received from Sir Robert Hart. The couriers confirm the reports of the death of Baron von Ketteler. They say that Prince Ching is doing his utmost to protect the foreigners, but that the native feeling against the whites is strong. Two officials opposed to the Boxers are reported by the couriers to have been assassinated. Sir Claude Macdonald's letter is dated four days earlier than that of Sir Robert Hart's.

BOXERS FORCED TO EVACUATE.

Lord Roberts Reports Successful Assault of British.

LONDON, July 11.—Lord Roberts has sent the following dispatch to the war office:

"RETORIA, July 10.—Clements' and Paget's forces entered Bethlehem July 7. The former on nearing the town sent in a flag of truce, demanding its surrender, which was refused by Dewet, when Paget, making a wide turning movement, succeeded in getting hold of the enemy's most important position, covering the town. This was carried before dark by the Munster Fusiliers and Yorkshire light infantry. This morning the attack was continued and by noon the town was in our possession and the enemy in full retreat.

"Our casualties were four officers and thirty-two men of the Munsters wounded, one missing; Captains McPherson and Weakes and Lieutenant Conway severely, and Lieutenant Boyd Crocheort, scotch Rifles, slightly wounded; seven men of the Yorkshires wounded; one killed; two wounded of the Imperial yeomanry.

"Royal reports that but for the accurate practice of the Thirty-eighth Regiment artillery and the Fourth City Imperial batteries the casualties would have been many more.

"Baden-Powell reached Rustenburg during the evening of July 8 without opposition. He found all quiet there and public confidence satisfactory, thanks to the prompt and bold grasp of the situation taken by Major Hanbury Tracy. The district west of this is somewhat unsettled, owing to the small force which attacked, Rustenburg being still in that neighborhood. Measures are being taken to meet this.

"Further information regarding the capture of Bethlehem has now been received from Clements. He states that the country there is broken and difficult. Consequently his and Paget's cavalry were unable to make any wide turning movement. Clements attacked one position, while Paget attacked another. The position assailed by Clements was gallantly taken by the Royal Irish, who captured a gun of the Seventy-seventh battery lost at Stormberg. The list of casualties has not yet been received, but they are few, considering the strength of the positions assaulted.

"Hunter's cavalry, under Broadwood, reached Bethlehem July 8. Hunter, with his main force, was within nine miles of the town when Clements dispatched his reports."

Pat Blams on Ilder's Crew.

CLEVELAND, July 10.—No attempt has been made to recover the bodies of Mrs. James Corrigan, her three daughters, niece and granddaughter, who were drowned by the capsizing of the yacht Ilder off this port last Saturday afternoon. A terrific gale blew all day yesterday and continued until late this afternoon, making it impossible for tugs to get near the scene of the wreck for the purpose of making a search. A party will go out to the wreck with divers tomorrow.

Victory for Diaz in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, July 10.—The electoral colleges met in the chief towns and cities all over the republic today and cast their votes for president. The returns will come in slowly from the outlying states, but a great majority of the votes were cast for General Diaz, insuring his re-election for the term of four years, dating from January 1. The conservative party made no nomination this year, the only formal nomination being that of President Diaz by the national liberal convention.