## CAMPOS RECEIVES A MESSAGE

Important Communication Handed the Spanish Commander in Cuba.

FIGHT AT MALTIEMPO WAS BLOODY

Loss on Both Sides Heavy, but the Insurgents' Casualties Are Only Guessed At-Macco Nearing Havana Daily.

(Copyright, 1895, by Press Publishing Company.) HAVANA, Dec. 17 -(New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-A highly Important dispatch addressed to Captain General Campos, from the Madrid government, was received here today. Its publication is not permitted. It may be said, however, that the broadest comprehensive views of Campos and his tremendous willpower prevail in Spain, as they do among the Spaniards resident in Cuba.

Maximo Gomez remained in quiet for a brief period after reaching the Seguanea valley. He moved out by the northern entrance of the valley on Saturday night at the head of a force said to number 6,000 men. He passed in a northwest direction toward Las-Cruces, proceeding in two columns. One column approached the Homoqueen sugar estate on the rallway between Clenfuegos and Santa Clara. The other went over the road leading toward Las Cruces. At a point known as Maltlempo, between Rash and Las Cruces, the insurgent advance struck a small column of Spaniards, consisting of the Canary Islands battalion, four companies strong, under the command of a lieutenant colonel. This was on Sunday morning. An engagement followed, in which the Spaniards bore the brunt of a sharp attack, during which the 300 Spanjards engaged suffered considerable loss.

FORCED MARCH SAVES THE DAY. Colonel Arizon, with 200 men, by a forced march, reached the scene of action and probably saved the day. The rebels retired in the direction of Camarones, which is a small stopping place on the railway, near Las Cruces. The Spanish loss was two officers and thirty soldiers killed and four officers and forty soldiers wounded. The large number of casualties in proportion to the force engaged indicates the severity of the action, nearly one-third of the Spaniards being struck down.

Colonel Arizon sent the wounded to Las Cruces and pressed on after the rebels, who crossed the railway, moving in the direction of Ciego Montero, which is six miles west of Las Cruces, near Las Lajas. The official account of the fight states that a heavy loss was inflicted upon the rebals, which is probable, as the soldiers were armed with Mauper rifles. It also states that nearly 6.000 troops were opposed for a time to the 500 comprised in the Spanish detachment after its reinforcement. Colonel Arizon is a distinguished cavalry officer and one of the andsomest men in the army.
Proceeding towards Melones, the insur-

gents left a ligutenant colonel and a major dead on the field. There was also an inter-charge of shots on the Domingo estate. The loss on either side is unknown. The property belongs to an American named Pon-The rebels took up a rail on the line between Cienfuegos and Las Cruces, near Do-

mirgo, wrecked a pilot engine and injured some persons who were on the tender. Hugh Magauer, the new consul of the United Stater at Cienfuegos, was stopped on his way and was unable to reach his desti-

REBEL ARMY SEEN GOING WEST. A report from Las Lajas says that the rebels passed within sight of that town going west. If this is true, Gomez would evidently strike the province of Matanzas near Habanilla and Santiago. The official report does not mention Maceo as being with Gomez. Other accounts state that Maceo has Bandeda with him.

will be observed that the situations look more like real fighting since Maceo has come with his followers into Santa Clara. These have been all along the best aggressive material in the rebel army. The negro's feel their importance and assume n arrogant air toward the whites. Campos left Clenfuegos yesterday by boat

to Batabano and by special train today for Colon, a central point in Matanzas. Tonight it is reported that Gomez has advanced into Matanzas. Great activity is dis-played by troops in that direction. WILLIAM SHAW BOWEN.

Lima Soldiers' Crucities. COLON, Colombia, Dec. 17 .- (New York World Cablegram-Special Telegram.)-A Lima dispatch says that Peruvian soldiers put to the tortura persons who oppose com-pulsory military recruiting. A Valparaiso dispatch says that the Chili-Bolivian peace treaty imposes \$8,000,000 of 41/2 per cent bonds on Chili.

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FEDERATION OF LABOR ADJOURNS. Adopts a Resolution Against Particl-

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The Federation of many of the delegates have left for their homes. At teday's session a proposition to form a national organization of unskilled labor was adopted by the convention. Delegate O'Sullivan presented the following solution, which was carried by a vote of

1.460 to 158: Resolved. That this convention declares that party politics, whether democratic, re-publican, socialistic, populistic or any other organization, should not have any place in the Federation of Labor."
A resolution endersing the struggles of the

Cuban patriots for liberty, and resolutions on the death of ex-Senator Allen G. Thurman, were adopted. Recess was then taken, after which the convention went into executive measure to consider the report of the grievance ommittee. The matters considered were of a outino nature.

The question of electing two fraternal delegates to the British trades union congress to be held in London on September 3, 1896, was then taken up.

John McBride, the retiring president, was elected one of the delegates by acclamation. There were two nominations for the second delegate. They were Adolph Strausser of the Clear Makers' union and J. W. Sullivan of

elected and Sullivan was made alternate. STATE RESTS IN THE HEARNE CASE.

Some Sensations Expected When Defense Opens Up. BOWLING GREEN, Mo., Dec. 17,-Among the large number of witnesses examined at the Hearne murder trial today were several that had already been on the stand. T. B. Morris, editor of the Courier-Post of Hannibal, testified to a conversation with Dr. Hearne over an article in a Chicago paper that connected the latter with the murder. Among other things. Dr. Hearne said: "By

James A. Abbey, the negro detective who was employed to work on the Stillwell murder ess, told about finding in the vault a lot of bloody rags, sheets, a torn, bloody pair of men's drawers, and a woman's bloody night signals were hoisted, but on account of the shirt. The state then offered in evidence a heavy seas the British steamer could not get Hearnes in California, but Judge Roy ruled them inadmissible.

The state rested its case this afternoon, and the trend of the defense was outlined in the opening address of Mr. Bell, one of the counsel for Dr. Hearne. Tomorrow the defense will begin the examination of its witnesses, and it is the opinion of those well posted, that the most interesting portion of the remarkable trial will then be unfolded.

PASSENGERS GET A BAD SCARE. Immense Wave Breaks Over a Big

Ocean Liner. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.-The steamer La Champagne, from Havre, arrived today after an exceptionally stormy trip. On Sunday, the 8th, at 7:30 during a violent gale, a wave swept over the port side of the vessel fore and aft. The solid wave broke on the nurricane deck just abaft the bridge, sweeping everything before it. The three large starboard lifeboats were lifted from their chocks and carried along the deck aft and badly smashed. The water reached the companion door leading to the main and poured into the saloon and library breaking the heavy mahogany saloon stair-case. The hurricane deck ventilators were carried away and through the apertures thus left on the deck the water poured down into the state room section. The sleeping passengers were awakened by the rush of water, which deluged many of their rooms, end to add to their excitement the electric lighting plant gave out for several minutes, eaving the ship in total darkness. The officers finally allayed the fears of the pas-sengers and no one was injured. The vessel carried over 400 passengers.

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## CARGO OF NAPHTHA EXPLODES

Labor adjourned sine die this afternoon, and Ship Utterly Destroyed and All but Six of the Crew Killed.

FOURTEEN OF THE MEN ARE MISSING

Ship Was Damaged by the Storm and Another Vessel Was Coming to Its Rescue When the Accident Happened.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.-Intelligence reached here tonight that on Surday the German ship Athena, from New York to London, with a cargo of naphtha, exploded off Cape May. Fourteen lives were lost, including the captain. The first and second mates and four of the crew were rescued this port.

plosion of the chip's cargo of naphtha and nitro-glycerine. The explosion occurred ters is the Uncle Poly of Lee Arthur." while the Athena was lying in a helpless the Typographical union. Strausser was condition at sea off Cape May, N. J. The following is a list of the men lost: Captain M. Hank, George Kenke, cook; Fritz Nehring, Hans Roenig; John Spencer, John Anderson, Johann Voght, H. Wahlen, Salt-

The awful accident was due to an ex-

beim Heinze, Bernard Pechstelr, apprenticis, and two cabin boys, names unknown. Those saved: Alex Franzelius, first mate;

meske Holtz, seaman; Hans Asmussan,

John F. Reese, second mate; William Mouldier, carpenter; John Rudsit, Martin Phillis, George Schroeder, seaman. The Athena left New York for Bremen December 10 with a cargo of naphtha in barrels I mas day, and several hundred cases of nitro-glycerine Among other things. Dr. Hearne said: "By and several hundred cases of nitro-glycerine. God, suppose I did kill Stillwell; let them She experienced severe weather until Friday. On that day she had all her masts carried away and sprung a leak. Her bow sank down into the water and the deck was sub merged up to where her foremast had been. On Saturday the Tafna was sighted, Distresrecord of the divorce and remarriage of the near her. The Taina signaled that she would the stand by until Sunday. Sunday morning about 8 o'clock the Tafna approached the Athena, and when within a cable length of her, a flame was seen to shoot out of the center of the deck and the port holes at the stern, terrific explesion followed, and instainstantly very man on board the doomed ship was lither thrown or jumped into the ley water. The Tafaa put out boats to rescue them. out they were only able to pick up six. It is

upposed the remaining fourteen were so inhe heavy sea which was running at the Taina lay by for two hours before ontinuing her voyage. The only theory that an be advanced for the explosion is that the side of the vessel was sprong during the heavy weather and that the barrels of exwhich ignited their contents. The Athena was owned by Auborchard &

Rostwick of Bremen. She was 1,358 tons register and was formerly an American vessel.

TRIED TO TELL THE TRUTH.

Experience of a Man Who Wanted to Lend a Better Life.

A Houston man who attended a great many of Sam Jones' sermons was particularly impressed with his denunciation of prevarioutors and lies of all kinds, white, variegated and black.

So strongly was he affected, and in such fertile ground did the seed sown by the great evangelist fall, says the Houston Post, that the Houston man, who had been accustomed to occasionally evade the truth, determined one morning that he would turn over a new leaf an Stell the truth in all things, big and little. So he commenced the day by scorning to speak even a word that did not follow he exact truth for a model. At breakfast his wife said: "How are the biscuit, Henry?"

'Rather heavy," he answered, "and about His wife flounced out of the dining room, and he ate breakfast with the children. CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE & ST. PAUL. | Ordinarily Henry would have said, "They are very fine, my dear," and all would have been Short Line Between Omnha and well. As he went out the gate his rich old aunt, with whom he had always been a favor-No. 4 leaves Omaha 6 p. m., arrives Chiago 9, a. m.
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hicago 7:15 a. m.

Ite, drove up. She was curled and stayed and powdered to look as young as possible.
"Oh, Henry," she simpered, "how are Ella and the children? I would come in, but I'm looking such a fright today I'm not fit to be

> thing your horse has a blind bridle on, for if he got a sight of you he'd run away and break your neck."
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> The enthusiaem with which Mr. Dam-rosch has devoted himself to propagating a love for Wagner in this His aunt glared icily at him and drove way without saying a word.

Henry figured it up afterward, and found the evening Northwestern line, OMAHA-CHICAGO SPECIAL, at "a quarter to six," \$8,000.

On his way down town he met a man whom he owed \$500, due that day. He was a liberal-hearted man and Henry had no fears

but that he would extend it any length of The man was leading his little boy by the

hand, a chap about 6 years old. The man smiled pleasantly, and made his little boy

"What do you think he said yesterday?" sked the man. "He's the smartest boy for is age in Texas. His grandmother asked ssked the man. his age in Texas. him to study his lesson, and he said: 'Go to the devil, you old mutten head?' Pretty

"I think," said Henry deliberately, "that your boy is the very vilest, freckledest, little snub-nosed, impudent wretch in Houston, and deserves a good cowhiding. The man rose up on his toes twice, coughed

slightly, and said softly:
"Ah, indeed. By the way, that little note for \$500 falls due today. I shall expect it by 3 o'clock. Good morning." Henry looked rather preoccupied as he went on down the street and a little further on he suddenly turned into a saloon and took

hree drinks, one after another.

After he got to the store, a drummer came n to sell goods, Henry's partner selected a lot they needed, and gave a pretty stiff order.

The drummer was pleased, and said to Henry jocosely: "Well, we will give you the

usual three months. I guess you are all right financially." "We are devilish hard up," said Henry. 'My partner keeps a trotter and lives beyond his means, and my wife is fearfully extrava-gant. We may be able to hold up and we

The drummer refused the order and went out, and Henry's partner stuck a bunch of nobby fingers under his nose and pleaded with him to come out in the back yard Henry went out and took six more drinks. Later on a customer came in and Henry showed him some goods. He ordered them sent to his house, when Henry said: "Those goods are some old stock we bought at auction, and not fit to use. We are charging you 10 per cent more than you would have to pay anywhere else. Shall I send them up?" "You can take them 'round to the lunatic acylum," said the customer, "and wait there for your pay. I'm not stuck on being guyed, and I'll fight you anywhere for a purse of 15

cents if you'll come out."
Henry went out and out and bought four more drinks and felt better. About haif an hour later Henry's pastor called at the store to get him to contribute toward the Sam Jones token of appreciation. Henry got up from under the counter to see His coat was ripped down the back he had one eye blacked and the other covered

with stove polish. "Whazzer mazzer?" "My dear brother," said the preacher, "I am asionished to see you thus. Are you ill?
"You know Ananias?" yelled Henry. "He a bro'er mine. I'm bigges' liar in state T-xas. Swear to golly 'll never tell troos again long's live. Hope Lord 'll strike me wi' lightnin' 'f ever make a stazement again that I can't prove to be 'er lie. I'm 40,000 years old 'n I saw set serpent in bayou long's 'er railroad. 'Rah f' Tom Ochiltre: Hope 'm' drop dead 'f ever open mouth again wipout tell'n d-d lie. Whoopee!"

Henry retired under the counter again, and

he preacher went away badly shocked But it's a hard thing to do. Try it yourself some time.

A cough, cold or sore throat should not be

AMUSEMENTS.

Clay Clement opens a three-night engagement at the Creighton with tonight's permance. It is said that no actor of recent years has given better satisfaction in character roles, while his play."The New Dominion" is pronounced a little classic its way and should constitute

a pleasing evening's entertainment.
The Burlington Hawkeye says: "There are
no startling stage effects or thrilling dramatic situations in it; but it tells a simple leve story in a direct and convincing manner that appeals forcibly to one's love natural. Mr. Clement himself is a finished ctor, and in his creation of the genial Baron Hobenstauffen his attempts to master the English language are exceedingly natural. It is not overdone, and when in moments of excitement he forgets himself and speaks German he gives evidence that he speaks the language well. His makeup and actions are thoroughly German, and he no doubt by the British ship Tafna and brought to studied his character well. Clay Clement is season supported by a good company May Buckley Clayton is a pleasing little actress, with whem any German baron would fall in love. One of the best charac-

It is said the dramatic, comic and spectacular incidents that follow one another in rapid succession in William Haworth's meledramatic triumph "On the Mississippi" should carry the audience spall-bound. The should carry the audience spall-bound. gambling palace in New Orleans, in which one of the most effective scenes of the play is enacted, displays the wealth and wickedness of the devotees of chance. This gives way to life on the river front, showing the darkies in their element. "On the Missis-appi" will open a four-night engagement "On the Missis-Sunday, Dicember 22, with a matinee, A special holiday matinee will be given Christ-

"In Old Kentucky," which will return to Boyd's for three nights and matines, open-ing Monday evening, was the greatest money winner of last senson, and that its success repeated this season there is doubt. An enthusiastic writer has described t as "one of the most craditable plays of he picturesque kind ever presented in this It is said to be written in a graceful and glowing style and gives a and charming picture of life in Kentucky during a most interesting period. The action in partly in the romantic Blue Grass re from and partly in the mountains, the abode those fleres mountainers, whose terrible feuds are not unlike the terrible vendetta of the Corsican. There are opportunities for cenic display which the scene painter has taken advantage of. taken advantage of. A prest deal is claimed for the view of the Lexington race jured by the explosion or numbed by the cold track; indeed the managers confidently aswater that they were unable to battle with sert that it is the most realistic representation of a race track ever seen upon the stage, while the hors, race is described as one of the most spirited scenes ever put into modern melodrama. The pickaninny band, omposed of little darkies under 12 years of appear in a southern plosive oil rubbing together caused a spark scene, is unlike anything ever before seen on

Thursday, December 26, when he will present his successful dramatization of Mark Twain's popular nevel, "Pudd'nhead Wilson." which has met with receptions in the dif-ferent cities in which it has been presented which were in the nature of evations. Joeaph Jefferson, in a speech commenting upon Mr. Mayo and his play, said: "I regard Frank Mayo as America's representative actor and 'Pudd'nhead Wilson' as a great play." This verdict coming from such an authority should be convincing.

C. T. Dazey is credited with introducing several well drawn characters in his new melodrama, "The War of Wealth," which will be seen at Boyd's theater Friday, Sat-urday and Sunday, December 20, 21 and 22. Among the most interesting, perhaps, is Sanford Farley, a type of unscrupulous bank employe not uprommon in these days of fact living and consequent peculation. Like Dr. matist Dazey's unique villain, these men appear in business offices every day, with the fair face of confidence, well dressed, dignified and cheerful, and are at the same instant laying plots to financially ruin those who have been their patrons and benefactors. These who trust them are impover-ished, as Banker John Warfield comes near being in the third act of "The War of Wealth," where the run on the bank of War-field in shown, and where the banking institution is only saved at an exciting mo entaining \$500,000 in gold coin. seats opined yesterday and the demand is unusually large.

love for Wagner in this country is worthy of approbation. We may not all agree with of approbation. him that the Bayreuth prophet is the great est of the composers, but we cannot reason ably dissent from his assertion that the his orians who write of the musical art of the end of this century will designate the period by Wagner'n name.

The last ten years have witnessed an ex traordinary advance in the interest felt in the "music dramn." Even the French would not again raise an anti-Lohengrin riot in Paris, and it should not be overlocked that the two best books written on the philisophy of Wagner are from the pens of Frenchmen-Adolf Julien and Edouard Schure. The dramatic instincts of the Gaelic race are slowly yielding to the dramatic power of the trilogy, in spite of the of the trilogy, in spite of the Teutonicism of Wagner's operatic subjects Today the Bayreuth prophet has many admirers in this country not of his own race, and their number is undoubtedly increasing in Omaha if we may lock to the box office sales as any criterion.

The prospects are certainly most flattering for crowded houses for the Damrosch opera Season tickets will be on sale at Adolph

Meyer's music store all of this week. An entertainment consisting of minstreley and music will be given at Creighton hall this evening, under the auspices of the Young Men's institute. The program is a varied and attractive one, and some twenty members will appear in various characters and disguises. Local hits and topical songs adapted to local conditions will be provided in abundance, and several novel character impersonations will be given. Mr. Don Morreno of Chicago, a professional in this line, who is visiting in this city, has volunteered to give character sketches in cos-

Petition for Cuban Recognition. DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 17.-The White Republican league of Dallas, the most influential body of that political party in Texas. has passed resolutions memorializing con-gress to grant belightent rights to the Cuban revolutionists. Petitions are being circulated throughout Texas for the sig-natures of all republicans. It is estimated that 100,000 names will be on the petitions within thirty days.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17 .- A special to the Star from Richmond, Mo., says: The opera house. Percival & Holt's furniture Brown's racket store. Ringquist's dry goods store, the Masonic hail, Grow's book store and the residences of Dr. Taylor and A. M. Fowler were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, \$100,000; insurance, about \$50,000.

Walker, the hero of Chickamauga, died with paralysis. General Walker was born in 1819. He served throughout the war and was conspicuous for his bravery in sixteen battles. He was the last man that left the bloody field of Chickamauga.

ratific express on the Southern Pacific by a white man. Mr. McGee will also by a white man. Mr. McGee will also with him a Papago Indian interpreter and a with him a Papago Indian interpreter and a Mexican, both of whom he knows to be without fear and entirely reliable in an emergency. There may perhaps be also two other manners of which are now indefinite and the interior unexplored by a white man. Mr. McGee will also with him a Papago Indian interpreter and a Mexican, both of whom he knows to be without fear and entirely reliable in an emergency. There may perhaps be also two others. Sleener Rolled Down the Bank

He Stopped the Runaway. The horses attached to W. R. Binnett & Co.'s new metropolitan delivery wagon rat away last evening and dashed up Fifteenth street at a furface pace. At the corner of Parmam street George Eton sprang out into the street and grasped the bride on one of the horses and naved the handsome vehicle from destruction. KELLEY, STIGER & CO.

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OFF FOR TIBURON.

Exploring a Mexican Island Inhabited by Savages. W. H. McGee of the Bureau of Ethnology

of the Smithsonian institute recently started for the Pacific coast to explore the hitherto unknown portion of Sonora county, Mexico, and Tiburon island, on the coast of Mexico, the home of the dreaded Seri Indian. Mr. McGee intends to venture with a party of four or five persons upon the island of

Tiburen, says the New York Sun, an attempt which in all previous instances has ended disastrously for the investigators, or else has been rendered futile by the warlike attitude of the inhabitants. In several instances where persons have tried to penetrate the Island for the purpose of knowing more of the habitat and customs of these people, one or more of the explorers has been killed, a notable recent case being that of two young men from the San Francisco | bible, Miss Anthony?" was asked, Examiner, one of whom was murdered with his own rifle, his head afterwards being beaten in with stones. According to My own relation to or ideas of the bible have ing beaten in with stones. According to the statements of the various scentific men of this city. Mr. McGee's attempt to visit the interior of Tiburon island is a very hazardous proceeding, but he is without personal fear, and for the advancement of science

he would not risk. Upon being questioned as to the especial objects of the expedition and the possibilities of an unfavorable reception by the In-

dians, Mr. McGee said: "These Indians, through their absolute lack of the moral sense, their antipathy to men of other races, and their entire lack of any sort of civilization, being lower in grade perhaps than any other human beings, are most interesting to this bureau, at this time, for, although many accounts have been written of them by visitors in the neighborhood, and stories told of them by the neighboring Papagos, nothing definite is known of their language and their manner of life except what was secured in my other visit. A that time, however, I only reached the neigh borhood of the island, and, for lack of time, could not visit them in their homes, on Tiburon island that I expect to something of their language and their methods of hunting and fishing. I am told that they build very fair boats of reeds, and that their methods of fishing are novel and different from those of the Indians of other tribes in that part of the country. I will probably find on the island the spring and immer home of their chief and the subchiefs

"The mere fact that no one has done this before is no evidence that it is not possible to visit these men and learn s thing about them. The other expeditions were perhaps conducted unfortunately and the Indians were not treated in so diplomatic a manner as might have been adopted. Although there will be few prople in my party, I hope to return in safety by adopting toward the Indians considera-tion and kindness. Small presents will be made them, and they will be treated as if they were children. At the same time I intend to let them see that we are amply armed and full capable of taking care of ourselves. We will always be on our guard and prepared for an attack. The reason not anticipate evil consequences for my party lies, perhaps, in the fact that I have great confidence in the 'looks' of weapons. In all, perhaps there are not more than seventy-five warriors in the tribe. These warriors have few guns of any description, and are almost entirely without ammunition, the Mexican government being very stringent in its laws on this point. Even if we were attacked it is my belief that six good men, armed with rifles and revolvers, could succeed in holding a greatly superior number at bay while retreating to our boat. At any rate, we are not going to anticipate any such trouble, for I believe that if the Indians are not molested—that is, if they find that we will attend to our own business and not interfere with their actions, we will be allowed to go our way and return safely."

Mr. McG:e will be accompanied by Wil-

liam T. Johnson, who has been long accus-tomed to life outdoors, is a good rider, good bestman, and is, in addition, an excellent topegrapher. Mr. Johnson will make a map of a portion of Sonora never before explored and reported upon with any degree of accuracy, and also, if he is unmolested, make a map of Tiburon island, the outlines of which are now indefinite and the interior unexplored gency. There may perhaps be also two other Mexicans in the party, whom he will select on arriving in Sonora county. The party will cross the strait between Tiburon island and the mainland in a canvas boat, which they will carry with them overland. This boat will be large enough to accommodate the entire party with their arms, ammunition and camp equipage, the latter weighing about ten pounds to the man. Mr. McGee will spend only a month in his investigations, returning to Washington before the holidays,

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Satin Mufflers, brocaded, 75c, worth at least \$1.25.

Satin Mufflers, hand worked, \$1.00, worth \$1.75 at least, Silk Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, quite large, 25c; worth 50c.

Silk handkerchiefs, hemstitched, white or black, 45c; worth 75c. Silk handkerchiefs, flowered, for ladies or gents, 50e; worth \$1.00.

At least 100 dozen ties at 15c; worth 25c and more,

250 dozen neckties at 25c-better than the grades that sell at 50c. 150 dozen levely \$1.25 and \$1.00 ties-your choice, 45c,

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Is it not surprisingly less? And how about other things and their prices? Nothing-really nothing-is sold here without a saving margin. You'll say so, too, when you come here.

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tive for a sensible present. Goods and prices are displayed together

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THE FEMININE SCRIPTURE.

Miss Anthony on Equal Rights for Bible Translators. A reporter of the Rochester (N. Y.) Demorat called at the home of Miss Susan B. Anthony to ask for her views on the new woman's bible, the first volume of which has recently made its appearance.

"Did you have anything to do with the new "No. I did not contribute to it, though I knew of its preparation and the reason for it. just what I mean. The Quakers consider the book as historical, made up of traditions, handed down from the ages of the past, but not as inspired by God. Of course, people say and ethnological discoveries there is little these women are implous, presumptuous, and all sorts of things for daring to interpret the bible as they themselves see it. But I think bible as they themselves see it. But I think the women have just as good a right to translate and twist the bible to their own advantage as the men have to twist and turn it to tage as the men have to twist and turn it to their advantage, as they have done always. But now that these women have dared to do what the men have always done, they are called impious. Originally the orthodox wo-called impious. Originally the orthodox wo-called impious. The men and translation of the state o men were to write their views and translations also, but when the time came they did not put in an appearance, and so only the opinions of the radical women were published. The idea that Mrs. Stanton or any other of the women expected to translate or write a new bible for women's use is absurd. They have simply taken the Pentateuch and

revised such passages as refer to women, and hurt. written their commentaries upon them. "And why have they not as good a right to do this as have a body of men to do the same thing? In 1888 the bible was revised, and it is from this revised edition that the women have taken their texts. I myself am not a student or investigator, nor do I philos-ophize. I deal only in facts and work for the ophize. I deal only in facts and work for the freedom of women. The bible is written by men, and therefore its reference to women takes on the color of the manner in which they were regarded in those days. In the same way the history of the restoration was written by men, and very little is said of the noble deeds of the women of the revolution, though we know how they stood by and helped the great work, and it is the same with history all through."

PASSING OF THE GYPSY.

Romany Ryes Gradually Disappear

ing from the Haunts of Men. The gradual disappearance and extinction of that picturesque vagabond, the genuine, simon-pure gypsy, has caused much comment but the reason for the dying out of the old race is somewhat difficult to find, says the Troy Times. There are probably more roving, wandering vagabonds in the world to-day than ever before, but a real Romany is seldom found, even in England, where he formerly flourished. In this country real gypties were never numerous, and are today less so than ever before. They are occasionally met with, but the bands are either very small or are composed of horse trading scamps and fortune telling "fakirs," who have not a drop of the Romany blood in their

veins. In the old days the gypsy impressed himself and his personality on the literature and the art of the countries in which he roamed. It was a poor novel that did not introduce a gypsy fortune teller, and a poor play that did not have at least one child stolen by gypsies, while the artists fairly reveled in studies and sketches of gypsy maldens. But the gypsies of today do not indulge in any child stealing roclivities, although they occasionally make a "bluff" at telling fortunes. As for the chil-dren, they usually have enough of their own not to bother their heads and risk their lib-

not to bother their neads and the first people.

A band of gypsits which appeared in the province of Quebec the other day actually tried to sell their own children, arguing that times were so poor that they were no longer able to provide for the little ones. So it can readily be seen that the day of the gypsy is past. If he ever had any usefulness he has

A SURVIVING DON.

He Laments the Good Old Days of Mexican California.

A correspondent of the New York Evening Post recently chatted with a survivor of Mexican supremacy in California residing in Sonoma, and drew from him sharp contrasts of the old times and the new. The don was seated alone on the broad plazza of his casa, living again in memory the happy life of what he termed the "golden days days of gold. Said he: "I was ing. I have been living on this spot fifty-six

Then with a smile he continued: "The first thing the Americanos did when they came was to build a jail." I replied that a very large number of the Americanos who came here in those days were better off in jail. officers received pay. Everybody, had enough; those who had nothing could get help from their relatives or friends. We had no lawyers. There was no need for doctors—the old women did the curing with herbs and teas; and the only trouble we had was an occasional revolution, when we did not like some one of the governors. But that was soon over. Very seldem was anybody Sometimes when one or two were killed, that was called a great battle. "Is it not strange, Don Antonio." I asked, "that Spain, after so great expense and loss

of life, should have put her conquered ter-ritory to so little use? She practically had on zed, but not too much, for we all wanted many people there is sure to be poverty and crime. We were living a happy life, interfering with others. This world broad. There is enough land for all, and why should the Americans conquer our country when they had enough land in their

own? I did not attempt to reply to the don's perhaps unanswerable argument, and in a few moments left hm to enjoy his reverie.

McKinley Endorses the Message.

COLUMBUS, Dec. 17 .- Governor McKinley having been requested by a number of newspapers by wire to express his views on the president's message on the Venezuelan question, has responded as follows: "It is my judgment that the president's firm and dig-nified statement of the adherence to the Monroe doctrine will command the approval of the people of Ohio. His message enforces with strength and vigor the position of the United States in its relations with European powers for more than seventy years. It is American in letter, in spirit and in a calm and dispassionate manner upholds the honor of the nation and insures its security.

Police Board Vacancy. A spirited contest is on between no less than a dozen applicants for the prospective than a dozen applicants for the prospective vacancy on the police commission. Among the aspirants are said to be Harry Clark, formerly of Sarpy county; Cadet Taylor, C. L. Chaffee, Charley Burman, A. J. Lunt, Jenathan Edwards, Dick Smith, Peter Schwenck, H. E. Patiner, H. F. Cady and John Grant, Land Commissioner Russell, it is said, has not committed himself in favor of any one, but Atterney General Churchill, prior to his departure for the east, told a few of his confidential friends that he would support the candidacy of John Grant from start to finish.

The Bright New Train With the electric lights, that stands on the sixth track at the union depot every evening belongs to the CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE, & ST. PAUL RY and leaves at 6 p. m. SHARP for Chicago. It is admitted to be the finest train out of Omaha. CITY TICKET OFFICE, 1504 FARNAM ST.

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