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DEATH'S HARVEST.

Many Notable Persons Passed Away in the Year 1891.

The Record Not Equaled for Many Years Whether in Number or in the Eminence of the Position They Occupied.

PASSED INTO HISTORY.

The necrology for the year 1891 embraces a record of famous names in the various departments of the world's work which has not been equaled for many years, whether in their number or in the eminence of the position which they occupied.

From the field of national politics there have gone William Windom, secretary of the treasury; ex-Attorney General Charles Devens, Alonzo Taft, ex-secretary of war; ex-Vice President Hannibal Hamlin, United States Senator Wilson, Hearst and Plumb; ex-Senators McDonald and Pomeroy and Gov. Hovey, of Indiana.

The stage, too, has lost many of its shining lights. Sweet Emma Abbott is no more. Lawrence Barrett is numbered with the dead of the year. Other names on the roll are those of the great and only Phineas T. Barnum, J. K. Emmet, W. J. Florence, Samuel K. Murdock and Edmund S. Conner, the two last being links between the past and the present generations of play-goers.

The immortal Sherman heads the list of those who made name and fame by fighting the battles of their country. Next on the scroll comes Admiral David G. Porter, Rear Admiral Alfred Taylor, Rear Admiral Carter, Rear Admiral Cooper and Commodore William Rowley. Of the prominent ones that were on the "other side" Gen. Joseph Johnston is no more.

The worlds of letters and journalism have suffered heavily. James Russell Lowell is but a memory, Don Piatt, James Redpath, Amos F. Learned, Rev. Dr. Prime, Dr. B. J. Lossing, George Jones, Maj. J. M. Bundy, James Parton, W. W. Clapp and Tom S. Applegate, all authors or journalists of national reputation, have passed to the great beyond.

But these are but a few of the noted dead. Farther down the roll are the names of George Bancroft, historian; Dr. Howard Crosby, humanitarian; Bishop Gilmore, theologian; Charles Pratt, philanthropist; Dr. Joseph M. Saylor, the oldest clergyman in the United States; Dr. Fordyce Baker, the eminent physician, and Monseigneur Paxton, who, had he lived, would have been the next archbishop of New York.

The list of noted women that have departed this life during the year is not a long one. Mrs. Allen G. Thurman, Mrs. Cyrus W. Field and Mme. Blavatsky, the leader of the theosophists, were among the best known.

AT PEACE WITH ITALY.

The Trouble Growing Out of the Lynching at New Orleans Ended.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Word has been received here that Baron Fava has sailed from Rome for Washington to resume his post as minister from Italy to the United States. The Marquis Imperiali is in charge of the legation here, as he has been since the recall of Fava. The baron's name is still borne on the rolls of the state department as the Italian minister. The return of Fava to his old post confirms the news that the United States has agreed to pay a small indemnity in money to the families of the two Italian citizens lynched at New Orleans. This restores the entente cordiale between the two countries and the diplomatic incident is closed. It will be noticed that the settlement in this case has been made on the part of the United States by performance of the same acts of justice and reparation which this country is now demanding of Chile, and the prospects now are that within two or three weeks the Chilean incident will be closed in the same manner.

In Behalf of Anarchists.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The brief of counsel for Samuel Fielden and Michael Schwab, the Chicago anarchists who are confined in the penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., under a life sentence for complicity in the Haymarket riot, was filed in the United States supreme court Saturday. The cases are to come up within two weeks for argument.

THE OLD YEAR.

Losses of Life by Various Disasters During 1891.

Work of the Fire Fiend, the Hangman, and Judge Lynch—Embezzlers Got Away with Millions—Other Crimes.

SUMMARY OF DISASTERS.

The complete list of casualties in the old world and South America, where the loss of life was serious enough to be reported by telegraph, including those who perished by disease and battle, was 270,675, as compared with 90,680 in 1890 and 96,380 in 1889. The following table gives the loss of life resulting from various disasters in this country, as telegraphed, during the year:

Downings..... 2,421 Lightning..... 232 Cyclones, storms, 133 Falling buildings, etc. 287 Fires..... 1,240 Explosions..... 771 Total..... 5,703 Mines..... 578

The loss of life by railroad disasters for the year is a little less than that of last year, the total being 3,261, as compared with 3,430 in 1890. The number of seriously injured was also a little less, being 2,707, as compared with 2,746 in 1890.

So far reported 3,360 lives have been lost on the ocean and 145 on the lakes and rivers of this country (a total of 3,505, as compared with 5,015 last year), 3,291 by railroads, 270,675 by disasters in the old world and 5,703 by disasters in the new world, making in all 283,203 as compared with 114,543 in 1890, 107,013 in 1889, 74,977 in 1888, 199,161 in 1887, 122,791 in 1886, and 387,463 in 1885.

DISEASES.

The number of deaths by pestilence last year was 32,220, as compared with about 50,000 last year. They were occasioned mostly by cholera in Arabia. No estimate has been made of the number of deaths by the grip last spring and winter.

BATTLES.

There have been no great wars during the year, and yet the loss of life in battles amounts to 22,627, as compared with 13,759 in 1890 and 40,376 in 1889. The loss is distributed as follows: Africa, 4,019; Chili, 9,900; China, 5,500, and 2,208 by revolts and massacres elsewhere.

FIRES OF THE YEAR.

The total fire losses for the year were the loss in each case was under \$100,000 amount to \$79,758,856, which, added to the larger losses, make a grand total of \$166,047,000, as compared with \$168,412,694 in 1890, \$143,902,670 in 1889, \$109,000,000 in 1888, \$150,000,000 in 1887 and \$115,000,000 in 1886.

EMBEZZLEMENTS.

The total amount of embezzlements during 1891 is \$19,730,294, as compared with \$8,622,956 last year. Pennsylvania leads with \$7,055,346, New York comes second with \$5,518,659, Massachusetts third with \$1,577,493, and Illinois fourth with \$610,874. The states exempt are Florida, Idaho, North Dakota, Oregon and Vermont.

LEGAL EXECUTIONS.

The number of legal executions during the year was 123, as compared with 103 in 1890, and is larger than in any of the ten previous years. The executions in the several states and territories were as follows: Alabama, 3; Arkansas, 3; California, 2; Colorado, 3; Connecticut, 1; Delaware, 4; Georgia, 16; Illinois, 2; Kentucky, 2; Louisiana, 9; Maryland, 2; Minnesota, 2; Mississippi, 8; Missouri, 8; Nebraska, 4; New York, 4; North Carolina, 2; Ohio, 2; Pennsylvania, 7; South Carolina, 8; Tennessee, 2; Texas, 12; Virginia, 8; West Virginia, 1; Arizona, 2; Indian territory, 5. Of the total number 52 were whites, 65 negroes, 1 Mexican, 4 Indians and 1 Japanese. Ninety-six executions were in the south and 27 in the north.

MOB VICTIMS.

Judge Lynch has executed during the year 195 victims, 189 men and 6 women, an increase over last year of 68, and the largest number ever lynched in one year in this country before.

The lynchings in the various states and territories were as follows: Alabama, 26; Arkansas, 12; California, 1; Colorado, 2; Florida, 10; Georgia, 12; Illinois, 1; Indiana, 3; Kentucky, 11; Louisiana, 2; Maryland, 1; Michigan, 2; Mississippi, 23; Missouri, 2; Montana, 3; Nebraska, 2; North Carolina, 2; Ohio, 1; Oregon, 3; South Caro-

lina, 1; South Dakota, 3; Tennessee, 13; Texas, 16; Virginia, 5; West Virginia, 2; Wisconsin, 1; Washington, 3; Wyoming, 1; Indian territory, 2. There were 121 negroes, 69 whites, 2 Indians, 2 Chinese and 1 Mexican.

SUICIDES.

The number of persons who have committed suicide in the United States during the year, as gathered from telegraph and mail reports is 3,331, as compared with 2,640 last year and 2,324 in 1889. The total is larger than that of any of the ten preceding years. Of this number 2,640 were males and 691 females. The number of men as compared with women is also larger in proportion than at any time during the same period. The causes of suicide were as follows:

Dependancy..... 1,149 Liquor..... 254 Unknown..... 801 Disappointed love, 190 Insanity..... 449 Ill health..... 195 Domestic infelicity 220 Business losses..... 67

In these cases of self-murder 1,208 shot themselves, 904 took poison, 465 hanged themselves, 303 drowned themselves, 226 cut their throats, 15 burned themselves, 56 threw themselves before locomotives, 34 stabbed themselves, 53 jumped from windows, 4 starved themselves, 2 scalded themselves, 3 killed themselves with bombs and victim threw himself upon a circular saw.

MURDERS.

The total numbers of murders committed in this country, as reported by mail and telegraph during the year was 5,906, as compared with 4,990 in 1890 and 2,567 in 1889. The list of murders during the last ten years shows a steady increase. The causes of these murders may be classified as follows: Quarrels..... 2,800 Restless anger..... 182 Liquor..... 877 Highwaymen killed, 74 Unknown..... 896 Self defense..... 75 Jealousy..... 446 Insanity..... 103 By highwaymen..... 241 Outrages..... 39 Intimidation..... 228 Strikes..... 19

WHOLE FAMILY WIPE OUT.

The Parents and Their Two Sons Stricken Down in a Week.

ATCHISON, Kan., Jan. 2.—A family named Delaney, who lived near here, has been wiped out by death within a week. They moved into a new house before the walls were dry and the father sickened and died almost before the house-warming festivities were over. The mother immediately took sick and died and was buried Sunday. The two sons were then attacked apparently by the same malady and both died Thursday.

Death of Gen. Meigs.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Gen. Montgomery C. Meigs died here of grip Saturday. He was quartermaster general of the army for twenty-one years and was placed on the retired list in 1882. He was a widely known engineer, having constructed the famous Johns bridge near this city, the largest stone arch in America. He was also the engineer in charge of the construction of the capitol extension and architect of the United States pension office. He will be buried with military honors.

Killed Him with a Stone.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.—John Studler celebrated the first day of 1892 by a murder. He and Anthony Gleitz had a quarrel at 10 o'clock Friday morning in South St. Louis and Studler picked up a stone and dealt Gleitz a blow on the head with it, fracturing his skull. Gleitz died a few minutes later. The murderer is in jail.

The Soper Investigation.

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 2.—The report of the Soper investigating committee, which has been submitted to Gov. Winans, while expressing no opinion, embodies a statement of facts with accompanying proofs which practically substantiates all of the charges preferred against the ex-secretary by Mayor Johnson.

Fierce Street Fight in Florida.

GREENVILLE, Fla., Jan. 4.—Messengers coming in here bring the news of a bloody street fight in Perry, 40 miles south of here, in which Robert Parker and John J. Garnto, ex-county judge of Taylor county, were killed and Thomas Walters so badly injured that he will probably die.

Sly Placed in Jail.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.—Albert Sly, one of the gang who robbed the Adams Express Company's car at Glendale early last month, was placed in jail Friday morning. He was captured in Los Angeles, Cal. He refuses to make a statement.

ON THE BORDER.

Troop: Succeeded in Separating Revolutionist Garza's Forces.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 5.—Official telegrams have been received at the military headquarters here from Capt. Wheeler, commanding Fort Ringgold, and Capt. Johnson, commanding Fort Brown, to the effect that Garza's revolutionists are being scattered by United States troops and will be prevented from mobilizing on Texas soil to invade Mexico with anything like a formidable army.

Garza's men are either hiding or have taken refuge in Mexico. Either is possible considering the vast stretch of broken and brushy country on both sides of the Rio Grande and the difficulty of communication. Capt. Johnson wires that he has just returned from a scout of 45 miles up the Rio Grande from Fort Brown but met no revolutionists. Capt. Chase and Capt. Hunter, with detachments of the Third cavalry, respectively, left for Fort Ringgold and Fort McIntosh on fresh scouts. All the forces are suffering much hardship for lack of forage and water for their horses.

Gen. Stanley has received a letter from Capt. Bourke, in which the latter asks that the attention of the federal authorities be called to the necessity of having a greatly increased force of United States deputy marshals on the border to assist in bringing the Mexican offenders against the neutrality laws to justice. He states that the United States troops can only cope with armed bands of marauders and that it is the duty of the civil officers to make arrests of those who are aiding the active participants in the revolutionary movement. He says that the people of the Rio Grande valley will help Garza to the last woman and child, and it is almost impossible for the troops to accomplish anything in the way of suppressing them, as they always assume new names when an arrest is attempted from written descriptions of those wanted.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 5.—The latest news from the state of Durango is very sad. Though the government is trying to conceal the facts and is giving out contrary accounts, it is now well known that the stories heretofore received were not exaggerated and that many people there are suffering from starvation, and it is said if the government continues deaf to the cry of the sufferers a rising of the people may be expected. "To use the words of a man of influence among the common people: 'I prefer die fighting rather than from hunger.'"

In Puebla a revolution was only avoided by the general government backing down after arresting the priests in two of the monasteries. Puebla is the most catholic and religious state in this republic. It is stated that it was the intention of the government to arrest all the priests, and if the people arose to shoot them down. A prominent government official says the affair was a sad mistake and that the government was not to blame, and that the state authorities did not know how to carry out the orders given. This has given rise to the opinion that the whole thing was a plan to oust Gov. Marquez, who is a moderate ruler.

The Garza revolution is becoming a more important matter than the government is willing to concede. It is an open secret here that Garza is receiving money from persons in both Mexico and the United States and that the contrabandists of all classes on the border line of both countries are contributing to carry on the work. Speculators in Mexican bonds are also said to be lending a hand.

BOTH INSANE.

Sad Ending of the Trip of a Husband and Wife in Search of Land.

NEWCOMERTOWN, O., Jan. 5.—Jesse Moore, a popular young farmer and stockman residing just east of Newcomertown, started west a week ago in company with his young wife to buy land. Sunday he returned a raving maniac. A few hours later his wife, who unaided had brought her crazy husband from Arcadia, Ill., yielded to the strain and became insane. It is believed that with proper rest her reason will be restored. Steps are being taken to send Moore to the asylum at Columbus.

Lithographers Combine.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—It is announced that a lithographers' trust has been formed, consisting of the firm of George S. Harris & Sons, of Philadelphia, Schumacher & Ettlinger, the Knapp Company, F. Heppenheimers Sons, George H. Buck and the Giles Company, all of this city. The trust will be known as the American Lithograph Company, and will have an office here. The capital is said to be \$12,000,000. The object of the trust is not to cut down prices, but to reduce the cost of manufacture.

Fell from a Trestle.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 5.—The 1:07 train of the Kentucky & Indiana Bridge Company while rounding a curve was derailed at Twenty-ninth street and ran off the bridge. The last car fell from the trestle, 33 feet high. Conductor Frank Mahan was crushed to death under the car, and Pacon, a passenger, was injured. It is not known what caused the wreck.

Death of Rev. Dr. Skinner.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Skinner, professor of theology in the McCormick theological seminary, died at his residence, No. 1042 North Halsted street, Monday, at 1 p. m. The doctor had been in poor health for three years, but he was taken ill with the grip December 21 and the ailment gradually increased in severity until the end came.

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A BLAZING CAN.

It Causes the Death of Four Persons at Hanford, Cal.

HANFORD, Cal., Jan. 4.—Fires which broke out early Sunday morning destroyed \$8,000 worth of property, caused the death of four persons and badly injured six others. The fire originated in the sick-room of O. D. Reed, in the two-story frame lodging house of Mrs. Kate Jacobs. Lou Woodward, who was watching with Reed, was pouring oil into a coal oil stove when he caught fire. Failing to extinguish it with blankets she threw the blazing can into the hall, where the flames rapidly spread. The lodging-house, with the Methodist church and an adjoining dwelling, were entirely destroyed. Three men were burned to death. They were Elmer E. Spofford, of Chester, N. H.; F. B. Tucker, of Sacramento, and E. W. Foster, of the Star Nerve Company. Many of the inmates jumped from the second-story windows, receiving more or less severe injuries. T. C. Hammond, a printer, was badly burned and hurt by jumping and died a few hours afterward. Five or six others were bruised and burned, but will probably all recover.

FIREMEN PERISH.

Three Lose Their Lives at a Fire in Nashville, Tenn.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 4.—Ten years ago in May the most disastrous fire that Nashville has ever had occurred around the corner of College and Church streets. Saturday night another fire burned over the site of the fire of ten years ago, causing a loss of \$475,000. The fire started in the rear of the store occupied by Webb, Stevenson & Co., house furnishers, at 5:40, and was not gotten under control until 10 o'clock p. m.

Three colored firemen lost their lives. They were fighting the fire at the time, standing on a three-story building occupied by Phillips, Burtoff & Co. They were pouring a stream of water into the building of A. J. Warren, when it toppled over upon them, crushing them all to death. Their names are as follows: Capt. C. C. Gowdy, Stokes Allen and Harvey Ewing.

New Senator for Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 2.—Yesterday afternoon Gov. Humphrey signed the commission appointing ex-Congressman Bishop W. Perkins to fill the vacancy in the United States senate caused by the death of Senator Plumb. The legislature, which meets the second Tuesday in January, 1893, will elect his successor.

Rockford's Population 30,000.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Jan. 1.—The prosperity of the city during the last year has been unexampled. The new directory shows a population of over 30,000, and the amount expended during the year for new buildings at a very moderate computation is more than \$3,200,000.

She Had a Kind Heart.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 2.—Mrs. A. Garcelon, the wealthiest woman in Oakland, died Thursday. She will leave to Bowdoin college, Me., \$400,000, and sixty or seventy friends of deceased are remembered in amounts ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

Caught in Kansas.

ALLIANCE, O., Jan. 2.—Word has just reached here that Ephraim Kelly, of North Georgetown, who recently forged notes to the amount of about \$5,000, has been captured in Kansas.

Our Pork at Boulogne.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The Official Gazette publishes a decree issued by the government announcing that Boulogne will hereafter be open to the admission of salt pork from the United States.

Many Fishermen Lost.

MADRID, Jan. 2.—Twelve boats belonging to Vinaroz and San Carlos de la Rapita have been lost in a storm, forty-three persons being drowned.

A Sad Casualty.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 2.—Ed Spohn and Miss Louise Seig were both killed, yesterday afternoon on South Carroll street, near the Lake Shore road, being crushed beneath a falling brick wall. They were soon to have been married.

Hanged.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 4.—Jesse Frierson, a negro, was hanged in the jail yard Saturday for the murder of D. C. Masgrove, who in the summer of 1890 attempted to arrest him and Oscar Burrow, another colored man.

Business Failures.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The total number of business failures in the United States during 1891 was 12,273, against 10,907 in 1890. The total amount of liabilities was \$189,868,638, against \$189,656,994 in 1890.

Frightened His Mother to Death.

GALVESTON, Ill., Jan. 5.—While intoxicated Saturday George Levalley, of Victoria, smashed a window with his fist, cutting his wrist. Going home he besmeared himself with blood. His appearance so shocked his mother that she died within a few minutes from heart failure.

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\$1.00 Henriettas for 75 cents.
50 cent Flannels for 40 cents.
75 cent Flannels for 60 cents.

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A. W. WEEKES.

Removal Sale

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FROM ALL AROUND US.

West Lowell Links.
Jas. Green is on the sick list, but is improving.
Uncle Station is quite poorly this winter.
They are holding a series of meetings at the McIntyre school house.
Seneca Jay has returned from an extended visit in Ohio.
Mr and Mrs Geo. Wilson are visiting Mrs Wilson's father, Peter Jay.
Mrs Nodyne is on the sick list.
Mr and Mrs Dan Esterbrook visited at Henry Esterbrook's, last Friday.

Morse Lake Ripples.
Frank Stiles, of Lowell, is teaching an excellent school in the Mapes Dist. So much omission report.
Mr and Mrs Nathan Blair, Jr., are nicely settled down to keeping house in their new residence.
N. Warner and wife are both sick with tonsillitis.
Matthew Hunter is confined to the house by ill health.
Mrs Robinson and her son Fred spent New Years in Grand Rapids.
S. E. Kiel took a trip to Grand Rapids last Thursday and remained over night.
Miss Grace Blakelee enjoyed her holiday vacation at home. She is attending school at Lowell.
W. Johnson went to Hart, Oceana Co., last Thursday, on business. He returned last night, Jan. 4th. He reports snow knee deep at that place, although the ground was bare Jan. 1.
Rev. J. W. Steffe went to Grand Rapids on Monday, Jan. 4th, also Wm. Lind.

South Boston.
Snow, beautiful snow, more than we have seen in a long time, this Monday morning.
Rev. Edgar Arney will preach for his brother, Rev. J. W., at the M. E. church next Sunday at the usual hour. His two sisters will be present.
Three lamps adorn the M. E. church ground, which are appreciated by those who go to church with teams in the evening, especially in the dark of the moon.
Mr and Mrs C. L. Parsons were reported better on Sunday.
C. D. Gilley was visiting relatives in this vicinity last week.
Miss Edna Vickery goes back to Ollivet this week.
Two of Mrs Clarence Farnham's sisters Sunday with her.
A. P. Burr and Mr Christie are sick with the grip.
The friends of Miss Ella Winegar are glad to learn that she is enough better to come home.

Down the River.
The Down the River Literary Society will meet with Mrs John Engle, Saturday evening, Jan. 16.
Well Hull, of Ewening, in the Upper Peninsula, with his parents, from Lowell, spent New Year's day with Mr and Mrs Wheeler Hull.
A few invited friends spent a very pleasant New Year's evening at the home of Jessie Epley.
Visitors at Henry Epley's the past week were, Eli Epley, of Stanton, F. W. Epley, of Palo, Arthur Hendrick and sister, of Bowne.
Geo. Broadbent is visiting his uncle, Joe Shores and other friends.
John Palmer, of Berlin, spent New Year's day with his friend, Frank Wunch.
Fred Wunch attended the Bee-keeper's association at Grand Rapids, last Thursday.
Mr and Mrs Wm. Robinson, of Lowell, spent New Years with Alburn Bolf and family.
There were three nice sewing machines sold in this neighborhood Christmas week.
Emma Denny and little Wilbur, of Grand Rapids, are visiting at Joe Denny's.

Forty of the friends of Will Hughes and wife, gave them a very pleasant party New Year's night. Dancing and cards whiled the time away.
There will be an auction of the personal property of the late Ramon A. Rolf, Jan. 12, at the home of Mrs Mary A. Rolf.
Vergennes Visitor.
Thanks to Mrs F. D. Stocking for the words of "The New Country," also thanks to the Editor for printing them.
Miss Mary McLean visited friends in Grand Rapids last week.
Miss Fern Batchelor gave a very pleasant party last Wednesday evening in honor of her friend, Miss Floy Robertson, of Grand Rapids, who spent last week with Miss Fern. A very enjoyable time is reported.
Mrs Mary Brandebury and son, Chas., visited her step-brother, Wm. Collins and family last week.
Mr and Mrs Criss Oleson, of Lowell, Sundayed with Wm. Collins.
Frank Wellman, wife and son, of Oakfield, visited Silas Collar and wife last week.
Mrs Jane Westbrook and sons Walter and Claud, ate New Year's dinner with friends in Grattan, returning home Sunday afternoon.
Miss Emma Cole, of Grand Rapids, is at E. L. Bennett's this week.
The W. F. M. Society will meet with Mrs John Crakes, Thursday of next week, everybody invited.
Charley Merriman is spending the two weeks vacation at home, and his cousin, Charley Powers, of Grand Rapids, is spending this week with him.
Joseph Whitman, of Indiana, visited his cousin, Wm. Collins, last week.
James Buttermore, wife and three young children, visited their parents in Ionia, last week.
One night last week Fred Hodges had a sheep killed by a dog and others bitten. The next night Wm. Misner had one killed and two or three bitten quite badly. He heard the racket, got up and drove the dog away in time to save the other sheep. The dogs that did the mischief belong to Fred Misner.
We had all kinds of weather last week as usual. So far this week, have had some snow and still it is coming, just a little. We heard the merry jingle of bells yesterday. Oh! for more snow, so as to have good weighing a little while.
Where, oh! where has Peter gone? Nina, can't you take care of that little daughter long enough for Peter to write up the town or neighborhood? Try.
Mrs Frank Fox's baby has been sick. She took it to the Dr. at Lowell and the little one was taken so much worse that Mrs Fox was obliged to remain in Lowell several days before she could get home. They are home now and the child is getting better.
We congratulate Dr. and Mrs Brooks for securing for themselves such highly esteemed and worthy life companions. Mary is one of Lowell's noblest young ladies and the Dr., well to know him is enough to insure a life long esteem.

STARTLING FACTS.
The American people are rapidly becoming a race of nervous wrecks, and the following suggests the best remedy: Alphonso Hempling, of Butler, Pa., swears that when his son was speechless from St. Vitus dance Dr. Mil's great Restorative Nervine cured him. Mrs J. R. Miller, of Valparaiso, and J. D. Taylor, of Logansport, Ind., each gained 20 pounds from taking it. Mrs H. A. Gardner, of Vistala, Ind., was cured of 40 to 50 convulsions a day, and much headache, dizziness, backache and nervous prostration, by one bottle. Trial bottles, and fine book of marvellous cures, free at Yetter & Look's, who recommends and guarantees this unequalled remedy.

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A FATAL CRASH.

Two Wabash Trains Collide Near Hannibal, Mo.

Both Engineers Lose Their Lives in the Wreck—Four Italian Emigrants Also Perished.

A SERIOUS DISASTER.
JACKSONVILLE, Ill., Jan. 5.—A terrible wreck occurred on the Wabash at 1:45 a. m. just east of Hannibal. The east and westbound "Cannon Ball" trains are due to meet at Aladdin. The eastbound train having the right of way. The latter was in charge of Conductor Sheehan and Engineer Charles Wilson. The train had pulled into the depot and was waiting for the westbound train to side-track and let them by. The night was extremely foggy.

Six Lives Lost.
The engineer of the westbound train missed the switch, and not being well acquainted with the locality, went crashing into the train at the depot. Al Bushart was the engineer in charge of the westbound train, and Joseph Vasconcellas the conductor. Both engines were completely wrecked and both engineers instantly killed. The trains took fire, and both smokers and baggage cars and one chair car were consumed. John Coswell, fireman of the eastbound train, was seriously injured, and the fireman of the other train cannot live. Four Italian emigrants were killed and eight other passengers injured, but none fatally so far as known.

ORGANIZED.

Both Branches of the New York Legislature Begin Their Sessions.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Both branches of the legislature assembled at 11 o'clock. The senate, after the usual formalities, proceeded to the election of officers, and those chosen by the democratic caucus were duly elected. Edwards, the independent, voted with the democrats. No effort at obstruction was made by the republicans. The question of seating Walker, the democrat for the Twenty-seventh senatorial district, then came up and he was declared entitled to his seat and was at once sworn in.

The assembly was quietly organized and the officers nominated by the democratic caucus elected. Committees were then appointed by both branches to notify the governor that the legislature was organized and ready to receive any communication he had to make. He at once sent in his message and it was at once read.
Gov. Flower in his message suggests the necessity of a reapportionment of the congressional districts of the state and the taxation of the bonded indebtedness of corporations as a means of revenue.

Italy May Be Reconciled.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—An evidence that the entente cordiale between Italy and the United States is rapidly being reestablished is seen by the fact that Gov. Flower, of New York, has, in accordance with the request of Secretary Blaine, relieved Nicoli Trezzia, the Italian who is under sentence of death. Mr. Blaine's request for reprieve was made at the instance of the Marquis Imperiali, who is in charge of the Italian legation. The postponement of the execution is merely an act of courtesy to the Italian government, to give it time to satisfy itself as to the nationality of Trezzia and the justice of his conviction.

Mother and Child Burned.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., Jan. 5.—A shocking accident occurred at the residence of F. Troxell, 3 miles southeast of town, Monday afternoon. Mrs. Troxell was engaged in cleaning some clothing with benzine near the stove when the benzine caught fire and exploded, setting fire to her clothing and also that of her 3-year-old daughter. There was no assistance near, and the mother and child were burned from head to foot, both dying in the evening.

Ryan Fined Two Pounds.

QUEENSTOWN, Jan. 5.—Thomas Ryan, a United States army pensioner, a passenger on the Etruria, who was arrested here Saturday morning last as soon as the steamer arrived from New York, has been fined two pounds and costs. The charge upon which he was arrested was the concealment of a loaded revolver and ammunition for the weapon

AN UNKNOWN LAND.

A Solitary Explorer's Work in Novaya Zemlia.

His Discovery of Three New Islands and Many Other Things of Value to the Scientific and Commercial Worlds.

An interesting man has for three years been studying the geography and physical condition of one of the bleakest parts of the world. His name is K. Nossilof, and he was first heard of in 1888 after he had spent a year studying the twin islands of Novaya Zemlia, north of the European mainland. He said he intended to devote five years to Novaya Zemlia, and he has now completed three years of investigation. This persevering young Russian has returned every year to Archangel, on the northern coast of Europe, with valuable botanical, mineral and zoological specimens. He has carried on his work with only one or two assistants, and they have passed at least one dark winter in that bleak land. Only twice before have white explorers wintered in Novaya Zemlia. The first occasion was when the famous Dutch explorer, Willem Barents, rounded the northern part of Novaya Zemlia and with his little party spent the long winter night of 1596-'97 amid much hardship and discomfort on the northeast coast. The second occasion was not many years ago when some Norwegians attached to an exploring party were so enamored of the life they led among the natives, who had a temporary home on the twin islands, that they remained behind when their comrades returned to civilization, and their friends saw no more of them for a year or two until they grew weary of their isolation.

Nossilof, in the spring of 1889, reported the discovery of four coal fields and deposits of iron, copper, gold and sulphur, which he said would pay for the working. He also collected a great deal of information regarding the animal life of the island, kept a careful record of the meteorological conditions, and surveyed a large extent of country. While engaged in tracing the coast line he discovered three new islands, one of which, about nineteen miles long and three broad, he named Possiet island. Last winter Nossilof lived at the western entrance of Matthew [Matoshkin?] strait. He had a comfortable house, which had been specially constructed for him after his own plans in Archangel, and was carried on a schooner to Novaya Zemlia.

The significance of Nossilof's work is that almost single-handed and alone he is exploring one of the least known parts of the world. The best maps of Novaya Zemlia show little more than blank spaces in the interior. Seal hunters say the island is very rocky, and it is likely that in the interior there are mountain chains running parallel with the coast. The country has no inhabitants, but is visited annually by Samoyeds from the neighboring mainland. In recent years a number of expeditions, scientific and commercial, have touched at Novaya Zemlia, but the island is still little known, and even the greater part of its coast line is not yet accurately laid down on the maps.

During the summer of 1890 Nossilof made several excursions into the Kara sea, collected many birds and animals, surveyed a part of the coast and took soundings. He says that last winter was unusually stormy, and that the sea remained open until spring. Torrents of rain fell, so that the country was covered with a coating of ice and many reindeer perished from hunger. Hundreds of seals were frozen on the ice, and fish were thrown up in heaps on the shore. The weather during last spring and summer was very severe, and the temperature did not rise above 41 degrees F. up to the end of July. The explorer was, however, able to carry on the scientific work of his expedition without interruption, and to make large zoological investigations.

This enthusiastic Russian has led a more isolated life during the last three years than almost any other civilized man. He has faith that there is good to be obtained from Novaya Zemlia, and believes it will pay to develop its mineral resources.

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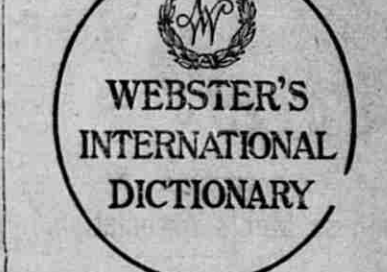
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