NEWS OF THE WEEK.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 8.—News has been received here of the death of ex-Governor Edward O'Neal, at his home in Florence.

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 10.—All the prisoners in the Mercer County Jail, 10 in number, including three murderers, escaped.

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SCRANTON, Pa., Nov. 8.—General Master Workman Powderly left here to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Knights of Labor, which will be held in Denver, commencing on Tuesday of next week.

RUTLAND, Vt., Nov. 8.—Edwin Booth and Lawrence Barrett have purchased a site and will erect a cottage for their own occupancy on the east shore of Lake George, near Hague, about thirty miles from Rutland.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—The returns of the Board of Trade for October show that the exports have increased £590,000 and the imports decreased £490,000 during the month as compared with those for the corresponding month last year.

TARRYTOWN, N.Y., Nov. 10.—Mrs. Sarah O. Van Wagner, 55 years old, a widow, committed suicide last night in Dr. Edward J. Morgan's sanitarium, in this village, by hanging herself in her bedroom.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Nov. 10.—Fire about midnight destroyed five dwellings in the central part of Tremont. All the buildings except one, a two-story brick house, were frame structures. Loss estimated at $25,000.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Nov. 10.—Mrs. Margaret Higgins, aged 35 years, committed suicide last evening by hanging herself at the home of an Italian with whom she had been living. Despondency and remorse over her past life was the cause.

ALTOONA, Pa., Nov. 10.—A stock train crashed into and completely wrecked the signal tower at Port Royal on the Pennsylvania Railroad. The operator escaped death by jumping from the tower, but the fireman of the train was killed.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley dined at Delmonico's last evening the guests of Mr. Burdett-Coutts. The explorer, his wife and party afterward attended the Garden Theatre, where they were recognized and cheered by the audience.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The Controller of the Currency has declared a first dividend of 20 per cent. in favor of the creditors of the Gloucester City National Bank of Gloucester City, N. J., on claims proved amounting to $27,456.32. The bank failed May 1, 1890.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 8.—The wages of the freight engineers and firemen in the employ of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Company have been increased 20 cents a day. The engineers are advanced from $3.50 to $3.70, and the firemen from $1.65 to $1.85.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 8.—Corrected returns mostly complete and a few estimated, from 76 out of 79 counties, give Merriam a plurality of 1,290. The corrections received to-day are mostly in favor of Wilson, and an official count will probably be necessary to decide.

ANNAPOLIS, Nov. 8.—Mayor Grant of New York, with a party of friends, passed through Annapolis on his way to South River on a gunning expedition. He will be the guest of the South River Gun Club. He was accompanied by Ward McAllister, Rollin M. Morgan and others.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 10.—A convention of Irish societies completed arrangements for a parade and reception to Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien Wednesday evening. Military and civic parades will also be held, also a mass meeting in Infantry Hall.

MONTREAL, Nov. 8.—The heavy duties imposed upon Canadian eggs by the McKinley bill has resulted in the building on the frontier of a large poultry barn, half in the United States and half in Canada. Hens will be fed on the Canadian side and will cross the frontier to lay their eggs.

DULUTH, Minn., Nov. 8.—The Omaha Pullman sleeper Sarmatia from Minneapolis, was thrown from a trestle during the morning, and falling 20 feet, lighted on its side in about three feet of water. The car is a complete wreck. Twelve persons went down with the car and all were more or less bruised.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 8.—Cardinal Gibbons has received from Rome a positive contradiction of the Statement recently published that Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul had been summoned to Rome on account of the views expressed by the Archbishop on public school education in this country.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Nov. 10.—Ex-Minister to England E. J. Phelps and Mrs. Phelps, accompanied by Dr. Loomis, of Burlington, Vt., are quartered at the Hotel Asperand, Saranac Lake. Mrs. Phelps is in very poor health and will probably remain in the Adirondacks the coming winter. Mr. Phelps will return to-morrow.

TROY, N. Y., Nov. 10.—Friends of the Hon. Edward Murphy, Jr., chairman of the Democratic State Committee, are urging him to become a candidate for the United States Senatorship. It is understood that Governor Hill favors his candidacy. Mr. Murphy declines speaking on the subject beyond saying that a United States Senatorship is a great honor. There are good reasons for believing that Mr. Murphy will consent to enter the race.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10.—Armsful of flowers, sympathetic speeches and a parade of 2,000 sorrowing friends marked the celebration of the fourth anniversary of the execution of the anarchists, Spies, Parsons, Engel and Fischer. Decorum characterized all the exercises. The speeches, in comparison with old-time fiery utterances, were mild almost to tameness.

SING SING, N. Y., Nov. 6.—Jacob Gensheimer, aged 25 years, a convict in Sing Sing prison, committed suicide by hanging himself with a sheet in that institution. As John Dercy, a fellow convict, was passing his cell at about 5 a. m. he peered in and was surprised to see the body of Gensheimer hanging suspended from the ceiling, lifeless.

WATERBURY, Conn., Nov. 10.—Naugatuck elected two Representatives this year, the recent census showing a population of over 500. The seats of the two Democrats elected will be contested. The Republicans claim that the increased population was not officially announced, and the election is consequently illegal. Leading Democrats hold that the election was legal, Bristol having done the same thing in 1880, without opposition and without official announcement.

A LIVELY SCANDAL.

An Aged Capitalist Sued for $30,000 on a Serious Charge.

SOUTH ACTON, Mass., Nov. 10.—There is a lively scandal in connection with the suit for $30,000 which Mr. Arthur Hughes brings against Mr. James Tuttle for alleged alienation of his wife's affections. Mr. Tuttle is 73 years old, and Mrs. Hughes is not yet 30.

Mr. Tuttle has got a few hundred thousand dollars in the bank and elsewhere, and is one of the leading men in the town. He has a wife and two children, both of whom are married and have children.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have lived in town about a year. She is said to have a divorced husband and a child by him.

The allegation upon which the suit is based is that Mr. Tuttle and Mrs. Hughes were discovered in a compromising situation in a corn field a short time ago. The man who claims to have made the discovery does not have the best reputation for veracity. Mr. Tuttle denies the allegation and says it is a case of blackmail. He admits going to the corn field with Mrs. Hughes, and says they went after corn.

THE FAMINE APPEAL.

The American Committee Will Not Solicit Aid at Present.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—The American Committee for the relief of famine in Ireland has issued a statement announcing the temporary withdrawal of its appeal to the American people.

At the time the appeal was issued, the committee says, there was no reason for believing that the distress which would follow the potato crop in Ireland would be relieved otherwise than by American generosity, no steps having been taken by the British Government to meet the crisis. The first effect of the action of the American committee was to provoke flippant denial from the Government press that distress existed or that famine was threatened. Nevertheless, the developments of the last month have confirmed the committee's warning, and the British Government has been spurred to investigate the situation and undertake a system of public works in the distressed districts, which by affording partial relief will at least postpone the threatened famine.

MET A TERRIBLE FATE.

A Woman Set Fire to Her Night-Clothes Early in the Morning.

RUTHERFORD, N. J., Nov. 10.—Mrs. Frederick Perkins, of South Rutherford, feeling restless during the morning, went down stairs to stand a fire in the stove at 3:30 o'clock. After using a match she threw it on the floor.

It fell on a piece of paper, which blazed up and set fire to her night-clothes. She ran screaming upstairs to the room where her husband was sleeping. He, awakeked by her screams, caught up a blanket and tried to smother the flames, but his efforts were useless, as the fire had already burned nearly every stitch of her clothing.

Dr. J. H. Hollister was immediately summoned, but Mrs. Perkins was beyond medical assistance, dying in a few minutes. Mrs. Perkins was the mother of five children.

VICTIMS OF DIPHTHERIA.

Neighbors Refuse to Go Near a Widow and Her Children.

NEWFANE, N.Y., Nov. 10.—A peculiarly afflicted family is that of Mrs. John Wilson, of this place, a widow with three daughters and two sons. Her son Charles contracted malignant diphtheria while visiting in Lockport last week, where two children had died. He returned home, and the whole family contracted the disease. Two daughters, Edith and May, have died, and the third one is expected to die hourly.

For several days the family had no attendance, and their condition and suffering were pitiable. The neighbors refused to go near them for fear of contracting the disease. Dr. Palmer, of Lockport, took charge of the case, secured a professional nurse, and hopes to save the mother and son.

Warrants Out for Smith and Godfrey.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Steps are being taken to prevent the fight between George Godfrey, the colored heavyweight of Boston, and Eli Smith, of Denver, Col., who are advertised to fight in the new Puritan Hall, Long Island City, to-morrow night. Sheriff Gollmer submitted an affidavit to District Attorney Fleming, in which he alleged he had reason to believe that the law relating to prize fighting was about to be violated in Puritan Hall. The district attorney submitted the affidavit to County Judge Garretson, and asked that warrants be issued for the principals in the fight, and also a search warrant to enter the building. Several warrants were issued, and the sheriff has explicit orders in relation to serving them.

THE PRESIDENT BUSY

Preparing His Annual Message to Congress.

REPORT OF SECRETARY RUSK.

He Expresses a Hopeful View of Agricultural Affairs.

The Speakership and the President—Rumored Alliance Between the East and West—Senator Quay and the National Committee—Reception of the Brazilian Squadron.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—The President is engaged in the preparation of his annual message to Congress, and much of the material for it will be supplied to him by the members of his Cabinet. Their annual reports will furnish a great many suggestions which he will repeat to Congress, with such recommendations as seem to him appropriate. But such important topics as the tariff and the silver question the President will discuss in his own language and from his own viewpoint.

This is what he is engaged upon every morning, seated at the square desk that stands between the two long windows in his office on the second floor of the Executive Mansion. He is not making a consecutive story of the message, but it is being written piecemeal, and the pieces will be put together by the President, with the assistance of Private Secretary Halford, when the message is complete.

It will go to Congress either Monday, December 1, or the Tuesday following, and if custom is followed, a messenger will leave the Executive Mansion the day before with sealed, printed copies of the message, to be delivered in New York to the leading newspapers and to the representatives of the press associations. In the meantime, the only persons who have been made acquainted with the contents of the message are Miss Sanger, Mr. Pruden and Private-Secretary Halford. The President may read extracts from it to one or two of his confidential advisers, but only the three persons named will have seen the full document.

SPEAKERSHIP GOSSIP.

An Alliance May be Formed Between the East and West.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—With the return of members of Congress to the city the contest for the Speakership of the next House begins to assume local interest and importance. The fight for the position will be waged warmly during the coming winter, and will undoubtedly have its effect even on the deliberations of the present House of Representatives.

The most interesting phase of the discussion of the subject at this time is the question of its relation to the contest for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency in 1892. One of the current bits of gossip is that an alliance may be formed between the East and the West in the Speakership contest, with a view to an arrangement for the Presidential nomination.

Prominent Democrats now in the city say that the Democratic strength in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, West Virginia, part of Pennsylvania and part of Virginia can be thrown for a Western candidate for the Speakership in exchange for Western votes for an Eastern candidate for the Presidential nomination. Governor Abbett of New Jersey, ex-Governor Black of Pennsylvania, Senator Barbour of Virginia and Senator Gorman of Maryland are counted as favorable to such an alliance.

In this combination the candidates for the Presidency most spoken of are Whitney and Hill, while it is current gossip that the friends of Cleveland and Pattison in the East may form an alliance for the election of a Southern candidate for Speaker in exchange for Southern votes in the Democratic National Convention.

Secretary Rusk's Annual Report.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—The Secretary of Agriculture has presented his annual report to the President. He expresses a distinctly hopeful view of agricultural affairs, indicating the obvious benefits to farmers of certain legislation which he specifies. By comparing prices at Chicago for October 16 of 1890 and of 1889, he shows a marked increase in the values of agricultural products, especially of cereals.

A Rumor About Senator Quay.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—Among the reports discussed by the political gossips is one that Senator Quay would resign the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee as soon as he returns from Florida, and that Mr. Clarkson would be his successor.

What Mr. Stark Saw in Ireland.

BOSTON, Nov. 10.—James H. Stark, a member of the British-American Association of this city, who has recently made a tour of investigation through Ireland, spoke in Music Hall and asserted that the people in Northern or Protestant Ireland appeared to be prosperous, and that there was no potato famine. The suffering in Southern Ireland, he declared, is the result of the "plan of campaign, of which Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien are the authors." He claims that the tenants bitterly regret the introduction of the plan of campaign, and would settle with their landlords if they were free agents.

A Pugilist Charged With Murder.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 10.—David A. Greever, a wealthy cattle man who was shot Friday afternoon by Charles Clifford, the New York lightweight pugilist, died from the effects of his wound yesterday afternoon. Clifford will be arraigned to-day charged with murder. Mrs. Clifford, over whom the quarrel was held, has disappeared. It is thought she may have concealed herself, fearful of being charged with complicity in Greever's murder.

MARKET PRICES.

Latest New York Quotations—Cattle Market.

BUTTER.—State Dairy, h.f., new, fancy	29
State Dairy, h.f., new, good to choice, lb	24
Western Dairy, fair to prime, lb	17
Western Dairy, fine, new, per lb	16
Eastern Creamery, fancy, per lb	25
Eastern Creamery, good to choice, lb	24
Imitation Creamery, fancy, per lb	20
Imitation Creamery, good to choice, lb	19
Western Creamery, fancy, per lb	25
Western Creamery, good to choice, lb	24
Factory, fresh, per lb	14
BEANS AND PEAS.—Beans, Mar., choice,	2.35
Beans, medium, choice, new	2.45
Beans, Red Kidney, choice, new	2.90
Beans, foreign, new	2.10
Beans, Pea, choice	2.40
Green Peas, new, bbls, per bushel	1.05
Beans, Lima, California, per bag	3.00
CHEESE.—State Factory, white, fancy	9¾
State Factory, full cream, choice, lb	9⅝
State Factory, part skim, per lb	7¾
State Factory, full Skims, per lb	3
DRIED FRUITS.—Apples, evaporat'd, Fcy	15¼
Apples, sun-dried, fair to choice, per lb	11
Raspberries, evaporated, new, per lb	31
Raspberries, sun-dried, new, per lb	30
Cherries, per lb	30
Chestnuts, per bushel	4.50
Blackberries, new, per lb	9
Peanuts, fancy, new, per lb	9
Hickory Nuts, per bushel	2.50
EGGS.—Eastern, choice, doz	24
Western, choice, per doz	23
Canada, choice, per doz	23
FRUITS.—Apples, Fall Pippin, per bbl	3.50
Apples, King, per bbl	4.00
Apples, Gravenstein, per bbl	4.50
Apples, Blush, per bbl	4.50
Apples, Baldwin, per bbl	3.50
Cranberries, Cape Cod, dark, per bbl	8.50
Cranberries, Cape Cod, light, per bbl	6.75
Grapes, western N. Y., 10-lb. basket	4
Grapes, Up-River, Concord, per lb	4
Pears, Bourre d'Anjou, per keg	2.75
Pears, cooking, per bbl	5.00
Quinces, per bbl	3.00
HAY AND STRAW.—Hay, No. 1, per 100 lb	80
Hay, Clover mixed	60
Hay, Salt	55
Hay, shipping	45
Long Rye straw	85
Short Rye Straw	60
Oat-Straw	55
Wheat Straw	45
POULTRY, ETC.—Live Western Geese	1.37
Chickens, near-by, choice, lb	11
Ducks, Western, per pair	65
Fowls, State, N. J. and Pa., per lb	10
Fowls, Western, per lb	9½
Roosters, per lb	6
Turkeys, per lb	9
Chickens, Philadelphia, choice, per lb	20
Chickens, Western, dry-picked, per lb	13
Ducks, young, Long Island, per lb	14
Ducks, young, Boston, per lb	18
Tame Squabs, white, per doz	3.75
Tame Squabs, dark, per doz	2.75
Snipe, English, fresh, per doz	1.50
Grouse, prime, per pair	1.00
Partridges, prime, dry, per pair	1.12
Woodcock, prime, per pair	90
Venison, fresh, per lb	15
VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, L. I., Rose	2.75
Potatoes, N. J., Peerless, per bbl	2.00
Potatoes, N. J., Blush, per bbl	2.25
Potatoes, New Jersey, Queen, per bbl	2.25
Sweet Potatoes, Virginia, per bbl	1.75
Sweet Potatoes, N. J., per bbl	2.50
Onions, New Jersey, per bbl	2.75
Onions, Conn., white, per bbl	4.00
Onions, Conn., red, per bbl	3.00
Onions, Orange Co., red, per bbl	2.75
Cabbage, Long Island, per 100	3.50
Egg Plant, New Jersey, per bbl	3.00
Tomatoes, per box	1.00
Squa-h, Marrow, per bbl	75
Cauliflower, per bbl	2.00
Turnips, Russia, per bbl	1.25
Celery, per coz roots	50
CATTLE.—Choice to extra	5.15
Good to prime	4.95
Fair to good	4.35
Sheep, per lb	5¾
Lambs, per lb	6¾

EXPLOSION OF A SHELL.

One Man Killed and Four Others Seriously Injured.

STATEN ISLAND, N. Y., Nov. 8.—Shortly after 2 o'clock a shell exploded in a casement of the lower fort at Fort Wadsworth, killing one man and injuring four others.

The men were at work tapping shells, which work consists of filling the shells with powder and getting them ready for use.

It is not clear just how the accident occurred, but it is believed that some loose powder got into the primer, and when the caps were being placed in position, the powder exploded the shell.

The last shell was about to be completed and Nathaniel Chapman was standing in front of it, when it exploded, and he was thrown with great force against a stone wall, his neck being broken and part of his abdomen was blown away. He was dead when picked up. John Davis, J. J. Keegan, George Heirness and C. Cook, who were in the casement at the time, were more or less injured, but they were all able to walk to the hospital to have their wounds dressed.

A Clever Swindler Arrested.

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Mrs. Angelina E. Conrad of Brockville, Ky., and Walter Willard, alias "Big Walter," a noted swindler whose picture is in the rogues' gallery, were arrested by detectives who followed them from Newark, N. J., where he met Mrs. Conrad, introducing himself by a queer symbol on a telegraph blank which each carried. At police headquarters Inspector Byrnes learned from Mrs. Conrad that she had come from Kentucky to buy $3,000 worth of "green goods" from Willard. He was locked up and Mrs. Conrad was detained at headquarters to appear against him.

This May Mean a Big Strike.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 10.—The General Grievance Committee of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Firemen, Trainmen, Switchmen and Order of Railway Conductors of Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg, including both the Northwest and Southwest system, are on their way here, where they will present a schedule of wages to General Manager Wood. They will also ask that other grievances against officials of certain divisions be investigated. The committee number about 30 men.

The Yonkers Mystery.

YONKERS, N. Y., Nov. 10.—The mysterious gentleman who calls himself James H. Edgar has sent Mr. Perrin H. Sunner no more letters. The latter is anxiously waiting for the mysterious one to make good his promise that he will appear in the flesh. The suicide still sleeps unknown in his grave in Yonkers, and James H. Edgar is still wrapped in obscurity. Every one knows where the body of the suicide is. That is the difference between the unknown and Mr. Edgar.

PREPARING TO

Birchall More Thoughtful of His Execution.

HIS WIFE SUMMONED HO

The Material for the Scaffold Brought Into the Jail Yard—Birchall Makes a Will So that His Wife Will Get Money Due Him—He Receives Another Letter from the "Colonel."

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Nov. 10.—As the date for Birchall's execution approaches interest in the affair is daily increasing. It was, perhaps, a trifle more thoughtful to-day, but it may have been that the thoughts of the young wife he is soon to leave a widow sobered him from his usual careless demeanor.

Birchall saw the first indications of the preparations for his execution when the material arrived for the scaffold from which he will be launched into eternity on Friday. He made no sign that he realized what was going on. The scaffold will be erected in the western yard of the jail. The iron weight that will be attached to the other end of the rope to be used for the hanging has also arrived. It weighs 350 pounds.

Birchall Makes a Will.

Birchall expected to come into a considerable fortune next spring and is making his will so that his wife will get the money. He is in fair spirits, but his mental anguish appears to upset him. He carries very little for himself, but exhibits wonderful attachment to the little woman who has stuck to him so faithfully. The feeling against him is very bitter. The pulpit and the press are nearly unanimous for his execution.

Birchall received a card from the "Colonel," dated as before, from Jackson, Mich. He still persists that he did the shooting, and not Birchall. The card was submitted to an expert and compared with Birchall's writing, and he pronounced it to have been written by the prisoner. He had no doubt about it, and no hesitation in saying so. This was an unexpected break in what appeared at first to be a very neat little chain.

Mrs. Birchall Called Home.

Mrs. Birchall has received a dispatch from her father in London to return home immediately. The last parting between the doomed man and his wife will take place to-morrow or Wednesday. Birchall, it is understood, has asked his jailer to allow him to meet his wife for the last time in the jailer's office outside the sight of the iron bars, that she may carry away in her memory a brighter recollection of the surroundings of their parting than if she took leave from him through grated bars or iron netting. It is not likely the request will be granted.

HE LOST HIS MONEY.

A Neat Piece of Work by New York Green Goods Men.

PITTSBURG, Nov. 10.—A neat piece of work by New York "green goods" men came to light here last night, when John Hirsch, of Germanville, Jay County, opened a package which he thought contained $5,000 of good money and found five inch bills and 100 slips of paper.

Johann was notified from New York last week that a legacy of $5,000, left by a deceased aunt, Charlotte Blanz, awaited him. At the Jersey City station he was met by two men who represented themselves as lawyers. They took him to a hotel and counted $5,000 in good money.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

COW belonging to Mr. J. W. Bach, of Kidderminster, England, has given birth to triplets, all fine, healthy calves. The mother and offspring were doing well at last accounts.

LAST year the most notorious trust was the Bread Union in London. It took in the important bakers, 277 in number, of the metropolis. The failure and entire dissolution of the trust is now announced.

THE unusual mildness of the weather this winter is curiously illustrated by a farmer's crop of oats at Galashiels, Scotland. The field was under oats last year, and from the shelled-out grain the ground became reseeded. It took root and grew, remaining green through the winter and yielding an early crop this year.

It begins to be apparent that farmers should pay some attention to what may be under their farms as well as attending to the surface. A Kansas man struck a shaft on his farm, and in going down 100 feet struck a five-foot vein of mineral paint, a ten-foot stratum of fire-clay, a twenty-inch vein of coal and a deposit of marble five feet in thickness.

FARMS in Iowa are taken care of, and well attended that most of them are joined to shun the State. Those that work and won't work, and persist in doing, are clapped into jail, and put hard labor. While there they are denied tobacco, liquor, and sporting or illustrated papers, and are allowed no amusement whatever. Two or three weeks of this treatment generally effects a thorough cure of laziness.

A SILVER mine in Colorado is about to be worked by electricity. The mine is at the top of a mountain, about 2,000 feet high, and the carrying up of coal hitherto been a very serious item of expense. It is the intention of the mining company to utilize a waterfall at the foot of the mountain, where an electric plant to generate a 100-horse power will be placed. The power will be transmitted thence to the motors at the summit of the mountain, and the mining operations will be conducted wholly by electricity.

THE gypsies are the most mysterious people on this earth. No one knows exactly where they came from and nobody knows what is to become of them. It is absolutely impossible to tell whether they are dying out or increasing in number.

Some persons, learned on the subject, say that there are no organized bands of gypsies in the United States; others, equally learned, say that the appearance of great numbers of them in the United Kingdom can only be accounted for by their emigration to this country.

A orchestra, composed entirely of women, boys and girls from poor families in New York, was established five years ago by a benevolent lady, Mr. Theodore John, former conductor of the City Orchestra of Freiburg, has thoroughly trained his pupils, that many of them have become professionals. Its practicing-room has been the dining-room of their generous patron, they sometimes play in public for profitable objects.

SEPHEON WILLIAM always travels with a suite of telegraph operators and linemen, even when in the mountains hunting, and the first thing he does is to establish telephonic and telegraphic communications with Berlin. It must be an exciting spectacle to see the Emperor drive into his shooting-lodge, call up the Berlin by telephone and announce to a special court chronicler and agent of the Associated Press that he has just bagged a ground-squirrel and all is well.

HIEMURA SAKUSABORO, a Japanese artist, has discovered a process by which he can convert wild hemp into a silk which cannot be distinguished from silk. Repeated tests have been made of the new fabric at the silk-weaving establishment in Kioto and elsewhere in Japan with satisfactory results. Experts have reported that the web has softness, lustre, beauty and more than the durability of silk. As the plant from which the silk worm may lose his occupation.

A RECENT Scottish paper publishes a story from a traveler in Bechuanaland, in which is the following testimony: In favor of working barefooted men: "It may interest lovers of horses to know that the roads were very hard, rock in many places; that both our horses were unshod; though one of them had worn shoes till the last ten days; we rode most of the way at the hand gallop or rough canter, which is the pace of a up-country horse; and that their feet were as perfect at the end of the journey as they were at the beginning."

According to the Scientific American, the range and the penetrating power of modern rifle-cannon are tremendous. A six-inch rifle will hurl its projectile over two and a half inches of wrought iron a thousand yards from the muzzle. A twelve-inch rifle will pierce sixteen and a half inches of iron at the same distance. The ten-inch rifle that represented Mantonomoh will carry its missile through twenty-one inches of iron a thousand yards away. At the same distance, the twelve-inch rifle, when we are to have a supply in the navy, will penetrate twenty-eight inches of iron.

One of the coming women is Miss Ella Knowles, who settled in Montana not long ago with the determination of being a leading lawyer in White, a city of 3,000 in Lewis and Clark County, near the Lion Helena. She pulled wires and succeeded in having passed the State Legislature a bill permitting women to be admitted to practice at the bar. She then went to Helena and tried to stop the leak, and was the first to be admitted to the firm of Kinkley & Knowles. The firm collected bills, not so much for the pecuniary benefits as to introduce herself to the miners, ranchmen and real estate people. She was a novelty, and was treated as such. All the duns covered uncollectable claims were given to her for fun, but she collected them, and one wag gave her the addresses of four vagrant umbrellas and offered $5 apiece for their return. Miss Knowles brought in the quartet and not only got $20 but the entire legal business of the said wag.

HITHERTO polar exploration has been in the arctic rather than the antarctic region. The French and English have done something in the latter, however, and this is to be supplemented by the Norwegian Nordenskjold and Baron Dickson. These explorers, aided by some of the Australian colonies, have about made possible another expedition to explore the region around or near the South Pole, which will start within twelve months. The fact that these far south seas are full of whales, seal, etc., adds to the interest with which the proposed expedition is regarded. Its commercial importance is not secondary to its scientific.

THE epidemic nature of crime is a matter of frequent remark. Let a peculiarly atrocious murder, for example, be committed in one place. Immediately imitators spring up all over the country and, often, all over the civilized world. A dangerous person or a diabolical scoundrel has perpetrated a series of most foul murders and mutilations in a disreputable quarter of London. The same crimes have been committed in many other cities, not only in England but in other and remote countries. The latest imitator is a villain in Helsingfors, the principal town of Finland, who strangles his victims. Happily he has been found. The original of this class of fiends is yet at large, which fact shows either that he is the most cunning of criminals or the police who follow him are the most inefficient in existence.

Performing Cats.

Those persons who believe cats to be incapable of profiting by education would change their opinion if they could see the exhibition of performing cats in Paris, France. The skill and docility of the little animals are truly wonderful, and would, even in dogs, be considered a proof of great intelligence. The cats are concealed in two small wooden houses or kennels, which stand opposite each other, with a row of fifty chairs between them. The performance begins by the trainer tapping on the roof of one of the houses. Immediately a cat comes out of the door, and, after being stroked and patted by its master, leaps to the top of the first chair and then goes lightly and gracefully from one chair to the next, stepping only on the backs, until it reaches the other house, into which it retires. Each cat does this in turn, and then two cats cross the chairbridge in opposite direcions, one going over the tops as before and the other passing along the hotizontal bar just below.

Long, wooden planks are then laid over the chair-backs, and a number of wine bottles placed in a row at short intervals, and the cats wind swiftly in and out between the bottles without missing one or knocking one over. A still greater difficulty is presented by a small, wooden disk being placed on the top of each bottle and a cat stepping from one to another, while other cats follow the serpentine walk among the bottles below. Chairs and planks are then removed and a number of trestles set up between the two houses. The cats leap from one trestle to another with the precision and agility of a circus-rider. A large wire hoop, wrapped in tow which had been soaked in alcohol, is held up and set on fire, but the procession of pussies, nothing daunted, leap through the flames obediently. Tight-rope dancing is the next performance, and a number of live, white rats placed on the rope receive no attention whatever from the cats.—[Farm and Fireside.

"The Goose Honks High."

"Do you know," said Captain S. H. Jones, "the saying, 'Everything is lovely and the goose hangs high,' is not correct?"

"No; why?"

"It should be, 'The goose honks high.' You know that the wild goose, in passing south at the beginning of the cold season, utters a peculiar note, 'honk,' and from that fact originated the saying. People in the interior have perverted it into the goose 'hangs' instead of 'honks.'"

Captain Jones is a South Carolinian to the manor born, and bears the weight of sixty-one years with the same easy nonchalance that he bore the old double-length saber that hangs in his room, which he wielded in many a wild dash with Wade Hampton in the campaigns of Virginia during the late war.

So, his word is good authority in regard to "the goose "honking" instead of "hanging" high, for he has heard the note uttered by this peculiar bird many and many a time as the wanderer soared aloft above the rice fields of Carolina.—[Atlanta Constitution.

Abraham Lincoln's Log Cabin.

A committee from Chicago in the interests of the world's fair visited Washington county near Danville, Ky., recently, and bought of Henry Reed the log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln lived as a boy, and where his father was married to Nancy Hanks, the certificate being preserved there yet in the County clerk's office. The price paid for this historic relic was $1,000, and it will be taken down and erected entire on a prominent site at the world's fair.—[Chicago News.

Whisky at 22 Gideon Times.

"More than one-half of the men that are arrested for drunkenness and taken to the police headquarters are crazy drunk," says a veteran officer to the Seattle *Times* reporter. "There is something about the whisky that makes a man stand all up, twists them all up, and drink nowadays that winds their understandings fumbles their ideas into a shapeless mass," he continued. "Now, years ago, back East, it was nothing unusual to see a man get so that his legs would all twist up, and his tongue would even get a little thick now and then, but he seldom got crazy drunk like men do nowadays.

"Why, just the other day we had a man up her that had too much of that Jackson street whisky, and he was so crazy that he was hysterical. He could walk all right, but he would laugh like a maniac one minute and weep like a whipped baby the next, and then he would throw himself into an attitude that would melt a wooden man in front of a tobacco stand to tears. This is a great age of improvement, but I don't believe that they have improved on the whisky of our grandfathers' day very much," and just then the officer had to saw off this interesting dissertation on whisky to go below and unlock a prisoner, but everybody agreed that he spoke as an oracle.

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