## GOSSIP OF THE WORLD.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DIVERS SOURCES.

News of the Stage, Social, Political and Otherwise, Culled

From Our Exchanges. In the last thirty-three years \$240,-000,000 has been spent in this country upon an Indian population of 180,000.

The Commercial club of Louisville uses advertising space in street cars and on billboards to enjoin readers to patronize home industries. Grasshoppers are so great a plague

at Hay, New South Wales, that they obscure all the street lamps at night leaving the town in total darkness. Booksellers who supply English schools report that there has been in

recent years a very great increase in

the demand for German schoolbooks. The governor of Finland has ordered the prosecution of the Lutheran pastors who refuse to read the new Russian army regulations in their church-

Portable lamps burning oil sprayed by compressed air are recommended by the Westminster City Engineer for street illumination during fogs in Lon-

The French have coined the word "aluminothermy" for the precess of getting very great heat quickly and inexponsively by the exidation of alumin-

Since the commencement of the war in South Africa Scotland has sent to the front 15,500 noncommissioned officers and men and 330 officers; total, 15,830.

Chinamen are the merchant seamen of the future, says a consular report from Shanghai. Over 1,500 British vessels entered the port last year manned by Chinese crews.

So many company meetings were held in London one day recently that one body of shareholders, unable to find a hall in the city, were compelled to meet at the Hotel Cecil.

The Turkish secret police agents who were expelled from Paris during the recent suspension of diplomatic relations between France and Turkey will not be allowed to return to France.

The skin of the musk ox, which is a denizen of the "barren grounds" and the arctic regions of Canada, has taken the place of that of the extinct buffalo for sleigh robes. It varies in price from \$50 to as low as \$5 for a poor article.

Of prominent persons mentioned in the new issue of "Who's Who In America," those born in New York number 2,066, in Massachusetts 1,130, in Pennsylvania 1,020, in Ohio 866. These are 5,022 of the 11,551 subjects whose records are given.

Dredging rivers in gold bearing countries for gold has become a great industry, and dredges of wonderful power and capacity are being built to dredge sixty feet below the water line and to reach sixty feet above it along

All records in the British east coast autumn herring fishery have been bro ken. At Yarmouth during fifteen weeks fishing 28,666 lasts landed, and at catches represent the enormous yield of 630,000,000 herrings.

The water sources of Hawaii are to be examined by a hydraulic engineer employed for that purpose by the secthat large areas of Hawaiian land now practically valueless can be made productive by utilizing water which now

flows unchecked into the sea. Today smokers are numbered by millions, a fact to which the treasuries of most nations have to be devoutly thankful. It is estimated that 1,000,000,000 acres of land are devoted to the cultivation of tobacco. The world consumes each year 6,300,000,000 pounds, or

2,812,500 tons, worth \$260,000,000. The growth of football in Switzerland is not looked upon by the military authorities with a very favorable eye owing to the fact that the young men rifle shooting, devoting all their spare time to football. In consequence the various cadet corps are suffering from lack of members.

In the Russian town of Jelabuga there was recently unveiled a monument to a local Joan of Arc. Her name was Nadyeshada Andreyevna Durova, and she died in 1866, aged 83. Impelled. by patriotism, she had as a young woman enlisted in the army and distinguished herself by bravery in the war of 1812.

Senor Salvador Cafiero has presented to the Chilean government a project for a new fast line of steamers between the Pacific and Mediterranean ports, with headquarters at Valparaiso and a capital of a quarter of a million sterling in 20,000 shares, a subvention to be granted on condition that the steamers should be armed as cruisers in war. D. F. Grantham, wood, N. 1,

PROCEEDINGS

Of the County Board of Education. The Board of Education met in

regular session yesterday, July 14 1902, the members present were Col. J. E. Robinson and Mr. Barnes Ay-

The question of consolidating the Pikeville school, the Pleasant Grove school and the Mt. Carmel school into one school at Pikeville, came up for action, but action on this question was postponed, pending the calling of a general meeting at Pikeville some time in the early part of Sep-

In regard to the application by the trustees of Casey Chapel, which question came up for final action at this meeting, it was mutually agreed between the trustees of the church and the Board of Education to buy or sell their respective interest in Casey Chapel church and school house, the Board's interests being valued at \$75.00 and the trustee's interest at \$150.00-said agreement to be accepted by the trustees on or before the 1st day of October, 1902, and whichever party buys it is agreed that the other party shall have the use of the building for two years as at present.

Application was made for a new school district in New Hope township, taking part of Daniel's Chapel and Thompson's Chapel districts. Action on this application will be taken at the next meeting of the Board. The Board ordered that a teachers' institute be held, one for the white teachors of the county, and one for the colored teachers. The county superintendent was instructed to arrange for the colored institute to be held during the month of August, and the white institute during the month of October.

The Board ordered that Barnes & Flowers be paid \$25.76, balance due them on an old building account against No. 1 (col) Nahunta.

Mr. R. A. Parker's resignation as committeemen for No. 2, (white and colored) Brogden township was accepted, and Mr. Geo. W. Parker was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. J. M. Wood's resignation as committeeman for No. 7, (white) New Hope was accepted. The lands of A. R. and W. H. Game were transferred from No. 1, (white) to No. 5, Fork

Messrs. Dempsey Copeland, P. L. Percock, and M. T. Johnson were appointed to act as a committee to select a suitable school site in district No. 3, Great Swamp township. Said committee is requested to meet at the Hooks' school house, near Mr. Matthew Hooks', on Friday, the 25th of July. The county superintendent is Lowestoft 19,100 lasts. The combined instructed to notify the members of this committee of their appointment and to give them the boundaries of said district. The Board decided to build five school houses, two in Great vey him to Stillwater for trial or retary of the interior. It is claimed Swamp township, one in Buck the charge of shooting his wife to the colored race in district No. 1, Indian Springs.

Bids to do the publishing for the ings of the Board gratuitous for the ensuing year was accepted.

The annual reports of the County Treasurer were not received, because of the fact that the tax collect- burglar had shot his wife dead as of the country are beginning to neglect ors have not settled for 1901 taxes. Said reports will be examined on the fessed to be grief-crazed, was arrestfirst Monday in September.

There was no semi-annual apporapportionment in January.

The following school orders have been paid since the April meeting: It was decided to continue the public school at Freemont in connec- death. tion with the academy of that town that district being allowed to enter for \$15,000, the policies being payat any time during the session for able to her husband. The accused is the free school term.

W. J. Perkins, building, No.

white, Fork...... 7.00 R. S. Best, wood, No. 5, white,

Grantham...... 1.69 G. W. Westbrook, repairs, No. 6, white, Grantham..... 6.25 Leonard Dickerson, site, No. 5, white, Great Swamp...... 50.00 I. F. Ormond, fee, No. 5, white, Great Swamp ..... G. C. Kornegay, fee, No. 5,

white, Great Swamp...... 1.00 J. H. Robertson, wood, No. 1, white, Nahunta ...... 25.00 R. E. Winbon, well, No. 3, white, Nahunta...... 1.00 I. F. Ormond, fee, No. 5,

white, Saulston..... Bert Montague, wood, No. 1, white, Stony Creek ...... 2.81 J. B. Pate, wood, No. 1, white, Stony Creek...... 2.00

U. S. Pate, wood, No. 4, white, Stony Creek..... 5.25 P. R. Peacock, lumber, No. 3,

white, Buck Swamp ...... 1.00 E. T. Atkinson, postage, general fund ...... 1.00 J. E. Robinson, envelopes,

general fund...... 1.50 E. T. Atkinson, postage, general fund...... 1.00 Parker & Falkener, matting. general fund...... 5.78

J. E. Robinson, circulars, general fund...... 1.50 E. T. Atkinson, salary, March and April, general fund..... 150.00

J. T. Dees, pictures, general fund ...... 12.75 E. T. Atkinson, salary for May, general fund...... 75.00 Josephus Daniels, publ, gen-

eral fund...... 75.00 J. E. Robinson, per diem, general fund...... 2.00 B. A. Parks, commissions,

general fund ...... 395.85 E. T. Atkinson, salary for June, general fund......a 75.00 J. E. Robinson, printing cards,

general fund...... 1.25 A. Roscower, publ, general fund ...... 3.75 Barnes Aycock, per diem,

general fund...... 3.60 J. E. Robinson, per diem, general fund...... 2.00 The Board will meet again on the

first Monday in September. J. E. Robinson, Chairman. E. T. ATKINSON, Secretary.

OSBORNE IDENTIFIED.

He is Hiatt, From Oklahoma-The Principal in Three Murders-He Will Oppose Extra-

dition. Norfolk, Va., July 14.—Sherif Heiaser, of Stillwater, Oklahoma arrived here today and identified a carpenter resident here under the name of Charles F. Osborne as Charles F. Hiatt, and wishes to con-Swamp, one in Saulston and one for death there. The Oklahoma tragedy occurred about the same time the Cherokee strip was opened. Hiatt was indicted for murdering Al.Cook, Board for the ensuing year were be- and Mrs. Hiatt was summoned to fore the Board. The proposition of testify against her husband. At 2 The Argus to publish the proceed- o'clock the next morning Hiatt shot her through the head with a rifle

and then fled. On June 21 about 3 o'clock in the Superintendent and the County morning Hiatt or Osborne, aroused his neighbors here, saying that a she lay in bed beside him. He proed but acquitted of the charge of murdering his wife. The mysteritionment of school fund made, the ous affair was widely printed, finally board preferring to make the entire reaching Oklahoma and leading to the identification of Osborne as Hiatt, the cow puncher, accused of killing his wife in the same manner in which his wife here met her

The Norfolk wife formerly resided preparing to fight extradition, and it appears as though he may be first 1, white, Brgden ...... \$25.00 tried here on the charge of murdering his Norfolk wife.

A CRASH IN VENICE.

The Bell Tower of St. Mark's Collapsed and Fell.

Venice, Italy, July 14.—The Campanile (detatched bell tower) of St. Mark's church, 98 metres high, collapsed at 10:40 this morning and fell with a great crash into the plazza. It is now a heap of ruins piled to a height of 100 feet. In falling it carried away the Sansovino Loggetta and the library of the royal palace. There were no fatalities, but a few persons were injured. The disaster caused an immense sensation. The town and communical councils have been summoned to meet this even-

A little before the collapse a noise of falling stones within the bell tower warned the shop-keepers and workmen and tourists of the impending disaster and all fled for their lives.

Venetians were seen in the streets bemoaning the destruction of one of the oldest art treasures in the kingdom. Four of Sansovino's statutes of Venitian nobles were demolished in the Sansovino Paul Veronese painting was destroyed in the pal ace. The wing of an angel from the top of the bell tower was thrown down to the front door of the cathedral, smashing the Bando column, which was hurled 35 feet, just escaping the column supporting the south angel of the cathedral and thus averting a more serious disaster.

The fall of the tower produced a thick red dust, which spread like a hanging cloud over the city. This, with the rumbling noise, startled the inhabitants of the most remote suburbs. Thousands of soldiers and police aided in allaying the panic.

The deputies of Venice have telegraphed to the government at Rome for authorization to establish a lottery to raise funds to rebuild the bell tower.

EDWARD GOING TO SEA.

London, July 15 .- The hour of the king's departure today from Buckingham palaco for Portsmouth, where he will board the royal yacht Victoria and Albert, has been announced. He will be taken to the train in a special ambulance carriage, with blue blinds and in the strictest privacy.

The appearance of the ambulance is like one of the omnibusses used for carrying court officials. It passed in front of the palace at noon yesterday and was not distinguishable from the omnibusses. A half dozen sailors from the royal yacht will carry the king to and from the ambulance. The queen and Princesses Victoria and Maude will accompany his maj-

A bulletin will be issued this evening when the king is aboard the

PRISONER RELEASED.

Telegram Received From Judge Shaw To Release Thomas Sparnell.

Salisbury, N, C., July 14-Sheriff Julian received a telegram at 5 o'clook this afternoon from Judge Shaw, who returned to Greensboro on the 3 o'clock train, authorizing him to release Thomas Sparnell from custody. It is believed that Judge Shaw, after considering all the testimony, decided that the evidence against Sparnell was not sufficient to warrant his detention.

Mr. L. A. Peebles, a reputable citizen of Salisbury, swore that Sparnell was sitting on the court house steps with him when the mob entered the jail yard, and that they remained together until after the lynching party was three blocks beyond the jail. It is believed here for the ensuing year, the children of at Greensboro, N. C., was insured now that Sparnell's release is the be ginning of the end of the investiga-

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#### STATUS OF BOER WAR.

British Troops In Splendid Condition, but More Needed.

STRAIN ON OFFICERS INTENSE,

Military Correspondent Says England's Generals In South Africa Have Worked Twelve Hours Daily For Years - The Burghers Still Hopeful.

A military correspondent of the London Times, in a message sent from Pretoria, declares that the statements that the British troops in South Africa are "stale" are untrue. He says, on the contrary, that the men are in splendid condition, and, though they would be glad to get home, they have not lost their zest for fighting. This refers both to the regulars and the volunteers attached to the various battalions. Some colonials recently recruited at South African seaports are less satisfactory, but the best colonials, those from Canada, New Zealand and Australia, are invaluable, and the new yeomanry are improving.

The correspondent says it is undeniable that the strain on the generals and their staffs is excessive. Many of these officers have worked for twelve hours daily for two years. Lord Kitchener alone seems absolutely impervious to wear and tear. The regimental officers are all right.

Be-enforcements to the number of 25,000 would be immensely valuable. says the correspondent, and would render the last stage of the war rapid and complete. The Boers keeping in the field number from 8,000 to 10,000, and they are mostly in as good condition as the British. They are seasoned soliers and get plenty of supplies from the Kaffir kraals and from parts of the country that are only accessible to themselves. The Kaffir kraals also serve as remount depots, and for each Boer there are two Kaffirs, who, even when unarmed, are useful auxiliaries. For fighting purposes, says the correspondent, the enemy must be estimated as numbering 20,000 exceedingly mobile troops.

The Boers still believe that European intervention is imminent, that Great Britain is tired of the war and that they have only to hold out long enough in order to make the British so weary that they will surrender. The burghers are fighting to win and are convinc-

ed that they will win.

The Boers pay attention to the British press, but may not believe the politicians' speeches, as they consider politicians professional liars. They note every word indicating the weakening of British determination, lamenting the cost of the war and speaking of the international complications to which its continuance may give rise. They have no particular enmity toward the British nation and rather like the "khakis," but their one thought is the restoration of their independence under their own flag. Openly they say that when a Liberal government comes into power they will get justice.

The correspondent dwells on the difficulties of Lord Kitchener's position. He has 3,000 miles of communications to protect, civil governments are being re-established, the English populations are being brought back, and the enemy's families are being looked after. All is being done with a much smaller number of effective troops than has been imagined.

The removal of Lord Kitchener would be fatal, says the correspondent, and would be construed by the Boers as a great triumph for themselves. He (Kitchener) knows the Boers better than any other man in South Africa, and the army trusts and believes in

A dispatch to the London Times from Wellington, New Zealand, says responsible New Zealanders returning from South Africa declare that more soldiers are needed to finish the war. The troops have the utmost confidence in Lord Kitchener, but his efforts are hampered by the ill advised agitation in the United Kingdom.

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RESIGNATION OF SALISBURY

Right Hon. A. J. Balfour Named as New Premier.

London, July 14.-The Marpuis of Salisbury has resigned the premiership of Great Britain and Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, the First Lord of the Treasury and government leader in the House of Commons, has been appointed to succeed him.

The Marquis of Salisbury tendered his resignation at an audience which he had with King Edward last Friday. Yesterday Mr. Balfour visited the King and accepted the premier-

TRACEY STILL AT LARGE.

Seattle, July 13 .- Notwithstanding the belief that Tracey is on the verge of collapse, as the result of buckshot wounds and illness resulting from exposure in the wet brush, he managed to keep hidden from the officers today. This was especially disappointing to the four sheriffs now on his trail, as they had led him an exhaustive chase up to last night. The search will be continued with renewed zeal.

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