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THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

Resolution Under Consideration to Secure Thorough Investigation of the Suffrage Question.

By Telegraph to the Merning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb 5 .- Representave Crumpacker, of Indiana, author The resolution presented to the Reublican caucus Monday night and to e further considered at a caucus next londay night, authoriz-s the following statement as to the general purpases of the movement, to correct any impression that it is in the nature of a "force bill."

Tue resolution submitted to the caucus was designed to secure a full and thorough inves igation of the suffrage question, not only in the South but in all States that have imposed material estrictions upou manhood suffrage. There is a general belief that a pum ber of States have disfranchised a large portion of their cit sens; that the colored population, by the operation of State laws, is entirely eliminated as spontical quantity, and yet it counts in apportioning representa-tion among the States. It is the general belief that the Southern tates have at least thirty-five repreentatives in the House and the elec oral college resting up in a fictitious asis. If this be found to be true in fact, and representation be reduced ordingly as the constitution imperatively requires, it would go a long way towards settling the race question. Such a method would have some of the charac eristics of a force bill. It would require no force for its execution. Disfranchising States would suffer a reduction of political power which they could regain by + ducating their citizens and admiting them to the privilege of the ballot. The whole question would rest with these States. But the caucus is asked simply to authorize a thorough investigation of the whole question through a Con-gressional committee specially app sint d and equipped for that purpose and when the facis as they really exist are laid before Congress and the country such action may then betaken

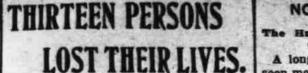
SOUTH APPALACHIAN FOREST RESERVATION.

as the situation requires.

Report Presented in the Senate From Committee On Bill Appropriating \$5,000,-000 for its Creation.

By Telegraph to the Morning star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. - Senator Pritchard, from the Committee on Forest Reservations, to day presented a written report on the bill appropri- that they were in the house at the ng \$5,000,000 for the cre



Ferrible Effect of Explosion o Illuminating Gas in Chicago Last Night.

Two Buildings Wrecked -Property Damage Estimated at \$50,000 -As Estire Family of Eight Persons Wiped Out.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star. CHICAGO, Feb. 5.-Thirteen lives

sea, but to keep his body until a rest-ing place could be found for it under the green turf of a churchyard in his were lost, many people slightly injured. two buildings at 378 and 374 Tweety-second street were wrecked, and \$50 000 damage was done by an explosion of gas to-night at the intersection of Twenty-second street and Archer avenue. By 8.45 p. m. five bodies had been recovered from the ruiss. They were all of one family. Not a member of the family escaped.

Outo Trostle, proprietor of the meat market at 876 Twenty second street, Mrs. Otto Trostle, Otto Trostle, Jr. Minnie Trostle, Annie Trostle. Persons who claimed to know assert that there were at least eight more people in the Trostle meat market when the ex alosion occurred.

Two other explosions of gas followed so quickly that it was hard to divtinguish them. First to explode was a main at Twenty second street and Archer avenue. Then the man hole, half a block south on Archer avenue was thrown into the air by a loud ex-

shot high into the air and reached. with the aid of the wind, the Trostle butcher shop. The building was a three-story frame structure and it had been weakened and nearly wrecked by the shock. With a roar the building collapsed and the occupants, with one exception, were carried with it to the basement. The adjoining building, a two story structure, flored up, the

people in the cars saw the flames gash from the ground all hands rush-

passengers was thrown from the

Among the dead are supposed to be three children of the Trostle family, whose bodies have not yet been ro covered. It is not known positively

time, but a search of the neighbor-

street, was a two-story frame building in which John McLeod had a saloon

It vau:shed in the same second as the

meat market. It was reported that

one or two peop e were killed here,

ADVERSE TO SCHLEY.

be Made Public Saturday.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

morrow will say:

tained.

While they walted for a lapse of vigilance on the part of the excisemen, a boat was lowered from the lugger and rowed toward the shore. A curlous crowd of beach men and excisemen

MANY PEOPLE WERE INJURED

native land. Sympathy with his sad fate and the knowledge that the lugger was not far from the English coast had induced the captain to consent. and now he had sent the body ashore for burial. In spite of his broken English, the Frenchmen's spokesman told his tale well. Both excisemen and beach menespecially the latter-loudly expressed

their admiration of the captain's con-The bodies recovered are those of duct. A parson was summoned, and in a little while a mournful procession made its way from the beach to the churchward. Even the chief officer of the excisemen was present and is said to have shed tears. That night the local "resurrection

ists" were busy, and at dawn the churchyard contained a desecrated grave. A little way inland, however, in the midst of the marshes, a smugglers' store received the addition of a coffin filled with silks and lace!-"Highways and Byways in East Anglia," W. A. Dutt.

The flames from the first gas main Be Thought He Had Reached Friend

and then another structure caught On several street cars near the place the windows were smashed and the passengers severely shaken up. When

ed for the doors A number of per-sons were bruised and knocked down in the excited exit. One car filled with

tracks.

at the time of the explosion.

hood

NOT BURIED AT SEA. The Humane French Boatman and the Dead Englishman. A long expected French lugger was

assembled to meet her, and as she

came in on the crest of a roller it was

bserved that she contained a coffin.

The French boatmen had a mournful

tale to tell. On board the lugger had

been an Englishman suffering from an

illness which soon proved fatal. In his

last moments of consciousness he had

begged the captain not to bury him at

GONE TO THE VERGE.

teen making for the roadstead, and the and yet I know, how well, how well I know, Lowestoft free traders were on the That in the future somewhere hidden lies A day, the day of days, which has for me alert, maxiously seeking an opportunity for communicating with her crew. A moment supreme, when I shall close my

> To open them on this my world no more, When triends will fold my hands upon my breast And sadly say: "Dear soul, her work is done. Let us now lay her gently to her rest."

> > Springtime with bud and bloom will com go; The busy world will still rush madly on; The earth and air and sky will be for those Who will not know that I have come and gone. --Dr. Grace Peckham Murray in Harper's Bazar.

MY MORTALITY.

The writ, "Mortal, thy life is but a span," And yet I feel that air and earth and thy

Are ever mine, even forevermore That I and mine can never, never die.

GUNS FOR OLD GLORY.

The First Foreign Salute Given to

the American Flag. The little Ranger ran slowly between the frowning French frigates, looking as warlike as they. Her men swarmed like bees into the rigging, and her colors ran up to salute the flag of his most Christian majesty of France, and she fired one by one her salute of 13 guns, says Sarah Orne Jewett in The Atlan-

There was a moment of suspense. The wind was very light now. The powder smoke drifted away, and the flapping sails sounded loud overhead. Would the admiral answer back or would be treat this hold challenge like a handkerchlef waved at him from a pleasure boat? Some of the officers on the Ranger looked incredulous, but Paul Jones still held his letter in his hand. There was a puff of white smoke, and the great guns of the French flagship began to shake the air -one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine-and then were still save for their echoes from the low hills about Carnac and the great Druid Mount of St. Michael.

"Henry Gardner, you may tell the men that this was the salute of the king of France to our republic and the first high honor to our flag." said the captain proudly to his steersman, but they were all huzzaing now along the Ranger's decks, that little ship whose name shall never be forgotten while her country lives.

The captain lifted his hat and stood looking up at the flag.

"We hardly know what this day means, gentlemen," he said soberly to his officers, who came about him. "I believe we are at the christening of the greatest nation that was ever born into the world. The day shall come when America, republic though she may be, will salute no foreign flag without receiving gun for gun!"

GREAT FIRES IN HISTORY.

Two Record Breaking Ones Which Occurred In the United States.

The old world's most calamitous fire was that which took place in London in 1666, which destroyed 14,000 buildings, laid 400 streets waste and rendered 200,-000 persons homeless, the loss of life being 1,000 and that of property \$40,000.-000. Moscow's conflagration in 1812

FEASTED ON SPARROWS.

Diet That Did Not Agree With the Crane.

that sparrow was a pretty sweet mor-

sel. From the time she learned it she

"The diet evidently did not agree

with the crane, and she became a triffe

droopy and showed signs of indisposi-

Saved the Dog.

the signal was given, but the answer-

ing jerk did not come. Again and

again for a quarter of an hour the

question passed along the rope without

reply. At last, when hope was nearly

of "A Hero In Homespun." as the very

incarnation of east Tennessee's rude-

ness, strength and exalted love of coun-

try and of right. "Ef bit warn't that

he's a preacher," says one of the char-

acters, "you wouldn't know sometimes

w'ether he's a-prayin or a-quotin Scrip-

ter chapter an varse or jus' plain ev-

eryday sorter cussin." Brownlow

ter basins of the park.

"Some time ago I had occasion to ob ment for Its Efforts-British Stateserve an interesting change in the habits and temperament of a crane which ments Denied. had been picked up in the swamps of Arkansas," said a gentleman from one By Cable to the Morning Star. of the towns on the Mississippi river, THE HAGUE, Feb. 5.- As an out "and the change was startling too. The ome of the conferences held here the crane was placed in a small park which was literally filled with English spar-Boer delegates have issued a commurows. These pests did not like the visnique thanking the Dutch governtor from the lowlands, and they made ment for its off irts toward bringing daily assaults on the poor bird. The about peace in South Africa, and de nying the British statement that the crane was a pretty fowl, long, slender, pure white and with the stately stride have had no instructions from South of a tragedian. The sparrows would sys-Africa since March, 1900 The dele tematically swoop down on the crane gates affirm they possess plenary powin droves, and the attacks were flerce ers still in full force. and vicious.

It is rumored here that Dr. Kuyper. The crane stood the assaults with inthe Dutch premier, will requ-st the use of the cables in order to sound difference for awhile, but finally the fowl from the swamps figured out a Mr. Steyn, former president of the method of retaliation, and it was effec-Orange Free State, respecting the vaiving of independence. tual. In some way the crane learned

AT THE HAQUE.

Boer Delegates Thank the Dutch Govern

Working 24 Hours a Day.

feasted on sparrows. She would slip up cautiously on these pesky twitterers There's no rest for those tireless lit le workers-Dr. King's New Life and throw her yellow beak out like a Pills. Millions are always busy, curgig. She never missed the mark. She always landed a sparrow, and a singu-lar part of the thing is that she would ing Torpid Liver, Jaundice, Bilious ness, Fever and Ague. They banish swallow them whole, feathers and all. But the crane would always dampen Sick Headache and drive out Malaria Never grips or weaken. Small, taste nice and work wonders. Try them. the bird by dipping it in one of the wa-Price 25 cents, at R. R. BELLAMY S drug store.

Por Over Sixty Years

tion. She finally died, and the keeper MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has of the park believes that the crane's been used for over sixty years by mil-lions of mothers for their children death was caused by a severe case of indigestion brought on by eating sparwhile teething with perfect success rows."-New Orleans Times-Democrat. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic. and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. Some time ago there was a ship-It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for wreck at St. Margaret's bay, England, and the life line brought sailor after sailor to shore amid the cheers of the "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, rescuers. At last only the captain remained on board. The line was ready, and take no other kind.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4. - Cotton steady dead, the signal came, and the captain at 85-16c; net receipts 786 bales; gross was hauled dripping ashore. He pickreceipts 7,002 bales: stock 121,425

Spot cotton closed quiet and steady middling uplands 8 5 16c; middling gulf 8 9 16c; sales 680 bales. Cotton futures closed very steady February 8 14, March 8.18, April 8 20.

May 8 19, June 8 20. July 8 21, August 8 09, September 7 70, October 7 73.

WHOLESALE PRICES CORRELT.

wholesale Prices generally. In making t small orders higher prices have to be charge The quotations are always given as accurates as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the artual market price of the articles quoted.

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Burlaps WESTERN SMOKED-

Hams W D Sides W D Shoulders W D DBY SALTED

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET. Quoted officially at the closing by the Produ

STAR OFFICE, January 30.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Nothing doing. BOSIN-Market firm at \$1 10 per

barrel for strained and \$1.15 per barrel for good strained. TAR-Market quiet at \$1.90 per barcRUDE TURPENTINE - Market strong at \$1.85 per barrel for hard, \$3 50 for dip and — for virgin.

Quotations same day last yearspirits turpentine nothing doing: rosin nothing doing; tar steady at \$1 25; crude turpentine steady at \$1.30

@2 30. RECEIPTS.

turpentine.

Low middling 7% Middling...... 7% " " Good middling...... 8 3-16 " " 730 Tar..... 324 9%c for middling. Receipts-915 bales; same day last year, 718.

COTTON. Market firm on a basis of 7%c per cts. % 1b Good ordinary 6% Low middling..... 7% 4.6 Middling 7% Good middling...... 8 8-16 Same day last year, market steady at 9%c for middling. Receipts-365 bales; same day last year, 137.

Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing thus p.d for produce consigned to Commis-sion Merchants J

N. C. BACON-Steady; hams 140 15c per pound; shoulders, 121/013c; sides, 121/013c. EGGS-Dull at 18c per dozen. CHICKENS-Dull. Grown, 200 COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS-North Carolina, firm.

Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c. per bushel of twenty-eight pounds Virginia-Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c fancy, 70c. Spanish, 70@75c. CORN-Firm; 85@87%c per bushel

for white. N. C. BACON-Steady; hams 14@ 15c per pound; shoulders, 12%@18c;

sides, 12%@18c. EGGS-Dull at 18c per dozen. CHICKENS-Dull. Grown, 20@

25c; springs, 10@18c. TURKEYS-Dressed, firm at 12@ 14c; live, 9@10c. BEESWAX-Firm at 26c.

STAR OFFICE, January 81.

ROSIN-Market firm at \$1.10 per

barrel for strained and \$1.15 per bar-

TAR-Market quiet at \$1.30 per bar

CRUDE TURPENTINE - Market

TALLOW-Firm at 5%@6%c per pound. SWEET POTATOES-Firm at 60@

rel of 280 pounds.

65c per bushel. [Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

doing.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Nothing

rel for good strained.

SWEET POTATOES-Firm at 600 65c per bushel. [Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.] STAR OFFICE, February 4. SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Market firm at 41c per gallon for machine made casks and 40c per gallon for country casks. ROSIN-Market firm at \$1 10 per barrel for strained and \$1.15 per bar rel for good strained. TAR-Market quiet at \$1.20 per bas rel of 280 lbs. CRUDE TURPENTINE - Market strong at \$1.85 per barrel for hard, \$2.50 for dip and — for virgin. Quotations same day last year-Spirits turpentine sleady at 36 1/2 @86c; rosin nothing doing; tar steady at \$1.25; crude turpentine steady at \$1.80 @2.30.

TAR-Market quiet at \$1.20 per bar-

CRUDE TURPENTINE - Market

strong at \$1.85 per barrel for hard, \$2.50 for dip. and — for virgin. Quotations same day last year— Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin nothing doing; tar steady at

\$1.25; crude turpentine steady at \$1.80

RECEIPTS.

Tar 846

Receipts same day last year-15 casks spirits turpentine, 255 barrels rosin, 399 barrels tar, 7 barrels crude

COTTON.

Same day last year, market quiet at

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing these paid for produce consigned to Commis-sion Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS-North Carolina, firm.

Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c, per bushel of twenty-right pounds.

Virginia-Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c;

fancy, 70c. Spanish, 70@75c. CORN-Firm; 85@87%c per bushel

25c; springs, 10@18c. TURKEYS-Dressed, firm at 12@

TALLOW-Firm at 5%@6%c par

BEESWAX-Firm at 26c.

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RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine..... Tar 156

strong at \$1.85 per barrel for hard, \$2 50 for dip, and --- for virgin. Quotations same day last yearrosin, 247 barrels tar. - barrels crude Spirits surpentine nothing doing; \$1 25; crude turpentine steady at \$1.30 COTTON. Market firm on a basis of 7%c per @2.30. RECEIPTS. cts 18 1 Good ordinary

 Tar.
 143

 Crude turpentine.
 89

 Receipts same day last year-14

 casks spirits turpentine, 885 barrels

 14 44 Good middling..... 8 3-16 " " Same day last year, market firm at 5-16c for middling. Receipts-215 bales; same day last rosin, 304 barrels tar, 59 barrels crude turpentine. year, 662. COTTON Market firm on a basis of 7% c per ound for middling. Quotations: Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commis-cts % 64 64 COUNTRY PRODUCE. Middling...... 7% "" Good middling...... 8 3-16 "" PEANUTS-North Carolina, firm. Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, Same day last year, market quiet at 80c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. %c for middling. Virginia-Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish, 70@75c. CORN-Firm: 85@87%c per bushel Receipts-649 bales; same day last year, 116. 8 for white Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, pri as representing the e paid (or proance consigned to Commis-sion Mercuauts] N. C. BACON-Steady; hams 14@ 15c per pound; shoulders, 12%@13c; sides, 12%@18c. EGGS-Duli at 18c per dozen. COUNTRY PRODUCE. CHICKENS-Dull. Grown, 20@ PEANUTS-North Carolina, firm. 25c; springs, 10@18c. TURKEYS-Dressed, firm at 12@ Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, Oc, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds 14c; live, 9@10c. BEESWAX-Firm at 26c. Virginia-Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; ancy, 70c. Spanish, 70@75c. TALLOW-Firm at 5%@6%c per CORN-Firm, 85@87%c per bushel for white. N. C. BACON-Steady; hams 14@ 15c per pound; shoulders, 12½@13c; SWEET POTATOES-Firm at 60@ 65c per bushel. [Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.] ides, 12%@18c. EGGS-Dull at 18c per dozen. CHICKENS-Duil. Grown, 20@ STAR OFFICE, February 5. 5c; springs, 10@18c. SPIRITS IURPENTINE-Nothing TURKEYS-Dressed, firm at 12@ 14c: live, 9@10c. ROSIN-Market firm at \$1 10 per BEESWAX-Firm at 26c. barrel for strained and \$1.15 per barrel for good strained. TALLOW-Firm at 5%@6%c per pound TAR-Market quiet at \$1.20 per bar-SWEET POTATOES-Firm at 600 rel of 280 lbs. 65c per bushel. CRUDE TURPENTINE - Market (Quoted efficially at the closing of the Produce Exchange.] strong at \$1.35 per barrel for hard, \$2 50 for dip, and — for virgin. STAR OFFICE, February 1. Quotations same day last year-Spirits turpentine steady at 36%@36c; SPIRITS TURPENTINE-Nothing rosin nothing doing; tar steady at doing ROSIN-Market firm at \$1 10 per \$1 20; crude turpentine steady at \$1.80 barrel for strained and \$1.15 per bar @2.30. RECEIPTS. rel for good strained. TAR-Market quiet at \$1.20 per barrel of 280 lbs. CRUDE TURPENTINE - Market strong at \$1.85 per barrel for hard, \$2.50 for dip, and — for virgin. Quotations same day last year-Spirits turpentine nothing doing: turpentine. rosin nothing doing; tar sleady at COTTON \$1 25; crude turpentine steady at \$1.80 Market firm on a basis of 7% c per @2.30. pound for middling. Quotations: Ordinary 6½ cts Good ordinary 6½ " RECEIPTS. cts % 1 Spirits turpentine..... Rosin 66 66 Low middling..... Tar..... 23 Middling 7% " Good middling 8 3-16 " " Crude turpentine Receipts same day last year-40 casks spirits turpentine, 265 barrels Same day last year, market firm a 5-16c for middling. rosin, 471 barrels tar, 16 barrels crude Receipts-204 bales; same day last turpentine. vear. 876. COTTON. Commission merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commis-Good ordinary 63% ow middling 7% COUNTRY PRODUCE. PEANUTS-North Carolina, firm. 66 6 Middling 734 Good middling..... 8 8-16 " Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; Same day last year, market quiet %e for middling. fancy, 70c. Spanish, 70@75c. CORN-Firm, 85@87%c per bushe Receipts-184 bales; same day las vear. 363. for white. N. C. BACON-Steady; hams 14@ Corrected Regularly by Wi'mington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing thus- paid for produce consigned to Coumis sion Merchants.] 15c per pound; shoulders, 12%@13c; sides, 12%@13c. EGGS-Dull at 18c per dozen. COUNTRY PRODUCE. CHICKENS-Dull. Grown, 200 PEANUTS-North Carolina, firm. Orude 25c; springs, 10@18c. TURKEYS-Dressed, firm at 12@ Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy,

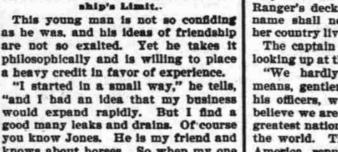
ed himself up, drew a small, wet, quivering dog from his breast pocket and set it tenderly down. Then he looked round and said in simple apology, "I couldn't find the little brute anywhere!" Parson Brownlow. Parson Brownlow, the famous preacher, editor and patriot, is described by Dr. William E. Barton, author

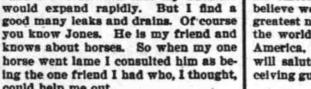
and finally said that, being a friend of mine, he'd give me \$40 for the horse. 1

next building was wrapped in flames

could help me out. "'Pretty bad shape,' he said as be ooked the nag over. 'Need him on your delivery wagon, don't you?

"I need him or some other horse and asked Jones what I could get for the lame one. He looked him over, felt his legs, examined his eyes and teeth





National Forest R serve in the South Appalachian region, as authorized by the committee several days ago. The report urges the establishment of the reserve for the protection of the timber and the conservation of the waters of the laud embraced within its proposed area, placing the damage done by fl wds arising in that area in the year 1901, at \$15 000,000 It is claimed that the land to be included can be purchased for \$3 to \$8 per acre.

One point made in support of the bill is that in the Southern Appalach ian mountains there is a greater variety of hard wood trees and greater remuse s of the primeval for s's then in any other territory of like size in the Estern States.

The contention also is made that it but the story could not be substanhas the highest and largest mountains tisted east of the Mississippi, the heaviest rainfall on the continent except along the northern Pacific coast, and that consequently the washing away of the minating gas. Mains filled with the latter were instantly ablaza after the soils of the region can only be prevented by keeping them covered with for explosion and a succession of explo-sions followed, the flames shooting up "The absence from this region ests. of lakes and gravelly soils such as through the manhoies in the street. In abound in Northern States and act as will be difficult to ascertain whether reserve to store the rains and give untthe mains were broken by the explo formity to the flow of streams " the resion of sewer gas. Many people living port continues, "renders the perpetuain the vicinity believe that the first tion of those Southern forests absoluteexplosion was in a main at Twentyly necessary for the protection of both second street and Archer avenue. the soi s and the streams."

BIDDLE BOYS BURIED.

Services Conducted by a Catholic Priest Mrs. Sollet's Londition Unchanged. Her Recovery is Looked For.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, February 5 -The re mains of Edward and John Biddle were quietly interred in a single grave at Calvary cemetery to-day. There were not more than twenty-five persons, including the brother, Harry Biddle, that accompanied the bodies to the grave,

At the cemetery Rev. Father Swee ney read the burial s rvice of the Roman Catholic Church, and as the grave was filled up the few mourners quietly re'urged to their homes. It was ex-rowded by curious persons, and a arge force of police was on hand to

pr serve order, but their services were ot needed. A dispatch from Butler, Pa., says

Mrs. Soffel spent a bad night and she quite feverish. She took no nourhment to-lay, but while her condition is not so favorable, her recovery is hopefully looked for by her physiciaus. It will be several days before he can be removed to Pittsburg.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Kitchener Reports Capture of DeWet's Last Que and Rout of Wessel's Force.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Feb. 5.-The British puruit of Gen. DeWet has been succe-sful to the extent that his last gun has been captured and Commandant Wes sel, one of h s principal ligutenants, has been routed. L and Kitchener sent he news in a dispatch from Pretoria, lated Tuesday, February 4.b, as fol-0 78

"Byng's colum, while proceeding towards L ebenburgvie, attacked and and then complacently remarked to the

has not shown any trace of them. There were six children in the family, and there is little doubt that all the eight members of the family were killed. The five other people who are said to be dead are supposed horse.' to be customers in the meat market

dred. I can't afford to pay more.' The direct cause of the explosion in "Next morning my friend showed up not known, but all indications show with a horse he told me I could have that it was due to escaping gas in the for \$98, though he was really worth basement of the Trostle house. The more. He was sound, gentle, 7 years explosion came without an instant's old, according to Jones. warning. Adjoining the Trostle build-"He had bought that horse for \$8 ing on the west, at 274 Twenty second

He had spavin and ringbone, was knee sprung and 18 years old. So Jones had made \$78 off me and left me with one of the worst old crowbaits you ever saw. I'm not saying much about it, for Jones is my friend, you know. But an old codger that buys groceries from me says friendship ceases in a horse

The cause of the explosion is undicker."-Detroit Free Press. known and it has not yet been determined whe her it was sewer gas or illu

THE TALE OF A TACK.

How an Italian Tenor Was Enable to Reach High C. "There was once an Italian tenor a Covent Garden of the name of Tasca, who, I am sorry to say, sang his own praises better than the score," says Mr.

William Parry, the stage director at the Metropolitan Opera House. "For this and other reasons he was strongly disliked by all the workmen.

One day he came to me and said, with great show of mystery: "Tell me the exact spot." "I could not for the life of me under

President's Response to the Admiral Will stand what he wanted. "'You know well enough what

mean,' he persisted. 'Show me the spot where Tamberlik sang the high C. WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.-The Post to-There is always one spot on the stage that is better than all the others to

"It was stated last night that the stand on when you sing. Where is it? President's response to the appeal of "'I'll show you later,' I replied. 'But, Admiral Schley would be made public remember, never a word. It would next Saturday. It is understood that cost me my place if it should leak out.' the response will be adverse to Schley. "Then I drove a brass tack into one A visitor at the White House yesterof the stage boards, and he was overday, with whom the President talked joyed when I solemnly pointed out 'the upon the subject, quoted the President

The Doctor's Indiscretion.

as saying that the verdict of the majority of the court ought to be sus-

ful! Wonderful!' Ever afterward, no Great Patent Nation. matter what part of the stage demand-The United States grants 25,000 pated his presence, he would rush to the ents per annum, or nearly as many as tack when the time for the high C all the rest of the world. England came and there deliver it."-Saturday grants 8,000 per annum and France and Germany each about 7,000, and Evening Post. such countries as Canada, Australia,

Austria, Italy and Russia grant about 4,000 each. An interesting and hopeful for the use of more discretion than the fact is that more patents are granted profession of medicine," remarked a in proportion to the applications than well known physician of this city. ever before in the history of the patent "Just to give you an instance:

office, showing that mechanical genius is not chasing as many rainbows as formerly. American inventive genius is shown in all lines of invention, but it greatly predominates in machinery for manufacturing, transportation and labor saving. Europe and the orient

have begun to find that without American industries they would be unable to go ahead.-Success.

What Might Have Happened. A sporty young gentleman of the city who drives a dainty runabout which is the envy of the other young men of his set was driving down Main street the other day when he nearly ran over a six foot countryman. The countryman

caught the blt and sat the horse upon its haunches without apparent effort

he horse for \$80, a fact I learned abou up and got his first glimpse of its begin-ning, "This is what these barbarians call war." It consumed 8,000 of the city's a week later. "'Now,' said Jones, 'I'm not the man to leave a friend in a scrape. I'll just

took it. That same afternoon he sold

10,000 buildings, compelling 20,000 of the rustle around and find you another city's inhabitants to sleep on the ground, destroyed 200 lives and \$10,000,000 of " "Thank you, but keep within a hun property and had political consequences which affected the history of Europe. It brought Bonsparte's Russian campaign to disaster, caused a retreat in the dead of winter in which the lives of 150,000 of his soldiers were lost, broke the spell of

his invincibility and incited the new combinations against him which eventually resulted in his overthrow. New York had a fire in 1835 which destroyed \$20,000,000 of property and one in 1888 which inflicted a loss of \$10,000, 000, and this was followed by one in 1845 in which \$8,000,000 of property went up in smoke. Pittsburg had a \$6,000,000 fire in 1845, followed by one in Albany, which inflicted a damage of \$3,000,000, in 1848, and by one in St. Louis which destroyed \$5,000,000 of property in 1849. San Francisco had two fires six weeks

apart in 1851, inflicting a loss of \$4,000,-000 in the first and of \$3,000,000 in the second. The Fourth of July celebration in 1866 caused, in Portland, Me., the most destructive fire ever known on the American continent along to that time, except New York's in 1835, Portland's oss being \$15,000,000, like Jacksonville's The two most calamitous fires ever known anywhere in the world occurred in the United States within 18 months o each other. In the first of these in Chl-cago, on Oct. 8 and 9, 1871 the property loss was \$200,000,000, and in the second in Boston, on Nov. 9, 1872, \$80.000.000 of property was consumed. In Chicago 100.000 persons were left without homes and 200 were killed. Chicago's heads the list of the world's destructive conflagrations, but, as she had over 300,000 population, in 1871, the loss in Jackson-ville in 1901, with 28,000 population, is proportionately not very far below that of the metropolis on Lake Michigan.-

Don't ask me to back with "blinds" on am afraid to.

has less sense than I have. Don't think because I am a horse iron weeds and briers won't hurt my hay. Don't be so careless of my harness as to find a great sore on me before you at-

Don't run me down a steep hill, for if anything should give way I might break your neck.

irritates my eye or so leave my forelock that it will be in my eyes.

along the road or I will expect it next time and maybe make trocble. Don't hitch me to an iron post or railing when the mercury is below freezing I need the skin on my tongue.

the whip I don't get tired. You, too, would move up if under the whip. Don't forget the old book, that is

Don't keep my stable very dark, for when I go out into the light my eyes are injured. especially if snow be on the

amooth place. Don't trot me up hill, for I have to carry you and the buggy and myself too.

with a big load.

from Bonaparte, when he woke vrote to Secretary Benjamin at mond: "Just give me my passports and will do for your Confederacy more than the devil has ever done. I will quit the country."

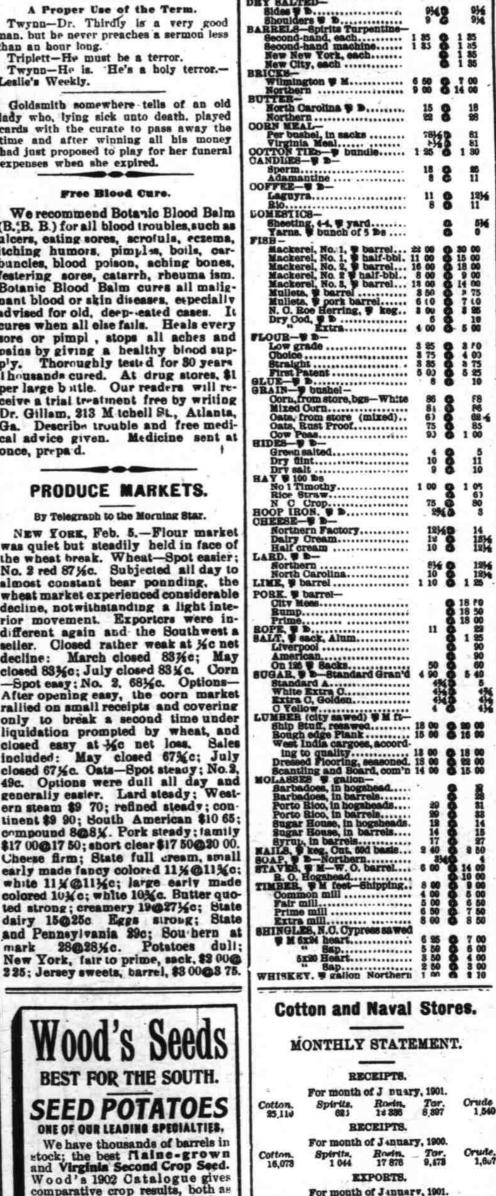
> A Proper Use of the Term. Twynn-Dr. Thirdly is a very good man, but be never preaches a sermon less than an hour long. Triplett-He must be a terror. Twynn-He is. He's a holy terror .-Leslie's Weekly.

Goldsmith somewhere tells of an old lady who, lying sick unto death. played cards with the curate to pass away the time and after winning all his money had just proposed to play for her funeral

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the wheat break. Wheat-Spot easier: No. 2 red 87%c. Subjected all day to almost constant bear pounding, the wheat market experienced considerable decline, notwithstanding a light interior movement. Exporters were indifferent again and the Southwest a seller. Closed rather weak at %c net decline: March closed 83%c; May closed 83%c; July closed 83%c. Corn -Spot easy ; No. 2, 68%c. Options-After opening easy, the corn market rallied on small receipts and covering only to break a second time under liquidation prompted by wheat, and closed easy at %c net loss. Bales included: May closed 67%c; July closed 67%c. Oats-Spot steady; No.3. 49c. Options were dull all day and generally easier. Lard steady; Western steam \$9 70; refined steady; continent \$9 90; Bouth American \$10 65; compound 8@8%. Pork steady; family \$17 00@17 50; short clear \$17 50@20 00. Cheese firm; State full cream, small early made fancy colored 11%@11%c; white 11%@11%c; large early made colored 10%c; white 10%c. Butter quoted strong; creamery 19@27%c; State dairy 15@25c Eggs strong; State and Pennsylvania 29c; Southern at mark 28@28%c. Potatoes dull; New York, fair to prime, sack, \$2 00@ 225; Jersey sweets, barrel, \$3 00@8 75.



"I came home late one evening after a very busy day and was fold by the office boy that a certain Mrs. S. had called me up three times on the telephone. As her young hopeful had scarlet fever and I was afraid he had taken a sudden turn for the worse, I got 'cenground. tral' to connect me with her house without delay.

"'The missus has gone to bed, sir,' said the voice of a maid in reply, 'but she was so anxious to know if she could wash Tommy's face.' "I called back that she had better ask the nurse if it was dirty. Now they have another doctor."-New York Mail and Express.

He Drew the Line.

"Hold on, there!" called Charon to the

into the wings, he exclaimed: 'Beauti-

Don't whip me when I get frightened

want by mixing it with my oats. I

Try it yourself some time. Run up hill

they get jagged and I cannot chew my

tend to it.

Don't put on my blind bridle so that it

friend to all the oppressed, that says, "A merciful man is merciful to his beast."

Don't leave me hitched in my stall at night with a big cob right where I must lie down. I am tied and can't select a

Don't forget to file my teeth when

Leslie's Weekly. THE HORSE'S KICK. Don't lend me to some blockhead that exact spot,' and so were the workmen

at the prospect of a joke at his expense. That night he carefully stood on the tack and sang the high C. Rushing

"There is no profession which calls

Don't think because I go free under

Don't compel me to eat more sait than

know better than any other animal how much I need.

Tourd a consider solid force of the end may under Commandant Weekel. We had, and three wagoes of am to box you fail the that doll bugy of your is to group our that was the last gau to you drive that doll bugy of your is to group our the three wagoes of a more than the point of the spinit passengers. The box casualities were five mean anashed it all to kindling." Memphis Scientiar. The box casualities were five mean and amashed it all to kindling." Memphis Scientiar. The box casualities were five mean and amashed it all to kindling." Memphis Scientiar. The box casualities were five mean and amashed it all to kindling." Memphis Scientiar. The box casualities were five mean and amashed it all to kindling." Memphis Scientiar. The box casualities were five mean and amashed it all to kindling." Memphis Scientiar. The box casualities were five mean and amashed it is so difficult that fing into a digre a forther or a casuality and a mean anashed. The Dutch language is of a good old fashioned tongue. It is so difficult that there are a great many more at the sourd box for the rest of you." Baltimore to good and the sourd and two to good and the source of the spinit mathed by R. Rise and an anashed. The butch fashioned tongue at the source and the source of the spinit and there are a great many more that the source to point and there were that the great the many that there are a great many more that the source of the spinite that there are a great many more that the that there are a great many more that the source of the sp	WE OF OWE LEASTING SPECIALTIES. We have thousands of barrels in formation shows and status prime in of Jamary. 1900. Outrom, Spering, Social group gives, to status prime, Social scatta prime, Social scatt
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