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## -Texas Siftings.

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tions in the gulches that gashed the followed darkness and silence. northern slope of Silver Mountain. Huge, All their tools were in the tunnels; undulating drifts, too. projected along they had nothing wherewith to effect an and start the annihilating avalanche.

the snow-slide could shake even them. But from two log-shanties, placed one the slope above, there still came daily boys is both safe." the silvery clink of hammer striking "I'm with you thar, old man," Uncle giant powder shattered the mountain's dued.

"Uncle Jimmy" Trout, with his son, seemed their dispute over the lead. young Jimmy; in the lower, "old man" Trail, with his son Sam:

and which Uncle Jimmy, in more cheer- ing down.

the right thereof no man could tell. The strike it agin 'acrost the range.'" listener to Uncle Jimmy's wrongs would The old man's voice was wonderfully over the feast with pleading eyes. Each be firmly convinced that he must be clear, as he paused and seated himself was rewarded now and then by a tid-bit right, until he heard old man Trail ex- composedly on the bunk. Uncle Jimmy of rind from his master's hand. And patiate on the equity of "first diskivery," marking each "pint" with a hard fore- rested his head and shoulders on the a small sack of oatmeal, and pouring a finger in a horny palm, to the utter con- blankets. Then the hands of those an- little into his hollowed hand, the two fusion of all previous convictions.

at arbitration; and as, fortunately for they waited for the end. themselves, both were too poor for the expensive luxury of litigation, it only remained, as Uncle Jimmy declared, "to sit right thar until they'd sot it out, regyardless of expenses." And though red face set in a casing of close-cut gray men, the energetic and determined air alike for staff and goad. with which he made this declaration was indicative of a protracted "set" on the clouds passed between him and the sun, part of the Blue Bird.

As for old man Trail, one look in his cavernous eyes, as he ran his hand slowly over the tangles of his unkempt beard, granite crags that guarded the entrance to the Last Chance Tunnel.

Jimmy, who was, to use his father's own expression, "light completed," stood a clear ten inches above the head of his house; strong, too, of arm and shoulder from swing of hammer, and every whit as stout of heart.

That stalwart son of the Sierras, Sam Trail, though of leaner build than Jimmy, was in size and strength his match, "dark complected," and in other rechristener of the Last Chance.

Often when at sundown the two boys, tin buckets in hand, met at the little feud went loyally down from father to

Even the two "jacks"—one of these Mexican donkeys being owned by each claimant, and used for packing up supplies from the camp blow-became imbucd with partisan animosity. Each the bacon rinds flung therefrom with a let my jack hug the rock." heartiness that partook of the spirit of their respective masters.

mountain for a day or two. But the right, and I'm a-goin' to." morning was clear, and the sun, hanging on the pines that crested the opposing slope of I take the outside," replied Sam, slope, shot his rays through glittering particles of flying frost into the open door of the upper cabin. Within, the time half-blinded by the snow, which two Trouts sat at their slab table before was being sucked around the crag and a Spartan breakfast of slap-jacks and whirled in their faces by the rising wind.

low with his hand as he spoke -"they on his oak stick and made a forward sent to camp yesterday. Suppose you stride.

The air of the early morning was keen, sticks to be held in air. and Jimmy waited until the sun was The snow-caps above had given way, and side is kinder foolishness. If we'd while quelling the riot. well up before he put the pack-saddle on and gathering momentum with increas- consolidate on one we'd strike pay rock the jack, and started down. Uncle ing bulk and velocity, the slide, to which all the quicker." Jimmy, meantime, set the camp-kettle the one at the cabin was but a plaything,

on the coals in the rough fireplace, and came tearing down, carrying along the call it the Last Chance." Uncle Jimmy pared for washing.

Baily the two old men passed each Before its rush, the giant pines, with sap the christening of his find is a matter of prepared for washing. other on the deep-worn paths leading hard-frozen, snapped like reeds, each from cabins to tunnels, but without a making a sharp report above the duller that of the Blue Bird had been evolved word or look of recognition. But, rigid rumble of the mass. as was the silence maintained between | Counted by the beating of their hearts, them, it could be broken by one thing— it was long before it struck the crag. want of tobacco. After a few hours' un- Huge as was this, it trembled; but noth-

On this morning old man Trail, who and pasied on. had sent Sam to camp the previous day, | Cowering in the recess, the boys were

sauntered up to the Trout cabin. de iberate speech, disdaining politer shake the mountain.

doorstep. shirt with rolled up sleeves, was vigor- like it was at the shanties." ously soaping flannels. He pointed with As he spoke, with one accord they drew

yourself," he said, endeavoring vainly to other changes. Even the wind, no more throw a hospitable heartiness into his soughing through the broken pines, whistled in altered cadence about the

The old man stepped in, drew his naked pinnacle of their bulwark.

sheath-knife, and was about to part the . We must git out and git to the coveted plug, when the attention of both shanties somehow. Let's take the shovel was caught by a sound, loud and strange and cut steps in the snow-bank," said among the many noises of the mountain, Sam, pointing to a new shovel with its coming from above.

"The slide!" cried the old man. Almost as he spoke the topmost of the of his jack. the upper side were driven party in, and stood looking around. ON SILVER MOUNTAIN.

But the spruce timbers were green and yellow splinters from the snow. tough, and the cabin hung together. The slide, being partially broken by the trees, Heavy snows had fallen that season, tore over it, closed the stout slab-door, wind, which, as they stepped from the adding to the never-melted accumula- and passed on down with a roar. Then

the lofty crest, threatening to break away, escape, even were escape possible. Fortunately the fire had gone out, so there From the dingy log d ns telow, the was no smoke to add to their torture. miners read these snow-signs with expe- But hidden thus from all the world, sudrienced eyes. Stout hearts had those denly shut away from all its hopes, seekers for silver, but apprehension of hatreds and fears, those two were to his head. "He was just going to wash await, together, the inevitable.

For a time the suddenness of the pines well up on the mountain side, was broken at length by the old man even pa always lowed that." For Sam, smoke still arose at the morning and Trail, whose gruff tones were hardly though silent enough generally, could evening, and from the ragged mouths of recognizable in this softened whisper: two tunnels that were being driven in "Uncle Jimmy, I'm mighty glad the

drill, intermitted by a muffled roar, as Jimmy replied, in a voice equally sub- have some coffee. I've got some already States are about to form a mammoth

In the upper of these shanties lived have been years, so faint and far away ing up as Sam unhooked the coffee pot The minutes, as they passed, might

lead, to which old man Trail gave the goin' fur to settle us," and Uncle Jimmy's The fire was quickly made, and coffee forestry. gnificant name of "The Last Chance," voice gave faltering indications of break- was boiled. Then, cups being wanting,

harbinger of the spring of hope in the is both safe, and me and you was a-gittin' it. Sam, meantime, cut slices of salt Many were the complications involving much longer. And arter all, Uncle these, having been singed in the fire, the intricate points of miners' law about this Jimmy, this here aint a plum' playout; two ate, and drank alternately from the disputed claim, and which claimant had it's jest a slip in the paystreak, and we'll same spout in loving fellowship.

cient enemies met, and clung in a firm- jacks licked it up by brotherly turns. Each indignantly rejected all attempts locked clasp, reassuring each to each as

To Jimmy, a visit to the camp was a welcome break in the monotony of life on Silver Mountain, and his step was act nele Jimmy, with his rotund body and cordingly light as he prodded the jack down the drifted trail with the pointed whisker, was one of the easiest-going of end of the scrub-oak stick that served him

As he progressed downward, frasty giving the air a sudden chill as their shadows darkened the sparkling surface of the snow. The summit was lost to view, and, driven by the wind, snow bewould suffice to show that there was as gan to fly, coming partly from the clouds little yield about him as about one of the and partly from the drifts above. Jimmy, however, was used to these mountain

'squalls," and knew that, as long as the nimble-footed jack could keep the trail, he was safe to follow.

A mile or less from the cabin the trail made an abrupt bend around a granite crag. Firm-bedded in the mountain, this thrust its tapering pinnacle to the tops of the surrounding pines. Where the trail hugged its base there had been a "catch" of soft sand conglomerate which, worn away by action of frost and spects like the sombre and self-contained air, had gradually dropped out and been washed down the slope, leaving a shelv-

Just as Jimmy reached this recess he spring that served for the use of both encounteged Sam Trail, coming upward. cabins, brows bent in wrath were re- The two inimical jacks, brought sudflected in that crystal basin. For the denly face to face, alike laid long ears back and breathed forth defiance in trumpet notes that woke the echoes of the mountain defiles. Behind each pagnacious little beast his equally pugnacious driver halted squarely in the middle of the narrow trail.

"Turn out!" cried Sam Trail, in such a grazed aloof on the bunch-grass growing tone that Jimmy would have shot both on the breezy slopes; and, meeting by jacks head-first down the slope rather the cabin doors, they bit and kicked over than have complied. "Turn out, and

"Turn out yo'self!" retorted Jimmy. "My jack's got as good a right to the in-It had been "skifting" snow on the side as yourn. Everybody turns to the "The pack 'll tip my jack over the

"and I aint a-goin' to do it."

Both boys and beasts were by this Their passions kept pace with its fury. "Jimmy, that outfit down thar," said Each jack stood ready to rush openthe elder Trout, indicating the cabin be mouthed; each driver got a firmer grasp

take the jack and go down to-day, fur Just then, half-broken by the wind, our grub pile is gettin' low, and git the came the sound of mudled thunder from me. S'pose we cut the claim in the middrills sharpened. I'll rustle round and the direction of the shanties. Following dle and you take fust choice?" wash up some clothes while you're it, from immediately above them, came a crunching noise that caused the uplifted

satisfied craving for this universal solace ing less than an earthquake could have of the miner, either would yield and apply to the other, never to be refused.

tumbled that mighty cone from its imbled that mighty cone from its imbled that bedded base, and the slide broke over it of Silver Mountin know this here thing

had resisted this craving a whole day, covered with snow as the great avalanche but at last he succumbed, and slowly thundered past, swept the pines from the his hand to Uncle Jimmy. The "shake" slope below, and shot up on the opposite "Kin you spar' me a piece of terbacker | side of the gulch, where at last it settled till my boy gits back?" he asked in his with a sound and a shock that seemed to forms of salutation, as he paused on the "O Sam, my pa and yourn!" cried

Jimmy, in a voice quite different from Uncle Jimmy, in overalls and red his former one. "That first one sounded one suds-dripping hand to the rough nearer together. No longer they seemed to be the two who had so lately met on riders. The tricycle is deemed prefer-"It son the shelf. Come in and help the trail. And the slide had wrought able to the bicycle.

handle slipped through the many turns of rope that held the pack on the saddle ines snapped before the avalanche, and Both brightened at the prospect of then it struck the cabin. Stout as this action. Sam, cutting the steps, was out was it shivered to the shock, the logs on first, and Jimmy clambering after, they

the centre roof-logs, already burdened by The dark green trees were gone. Some, the weight of the dirt roof, were sprung torn up by the roots, had been carried down and splintered with an ominous bodily down; while here and there the stump of some broken giant stuck up its

crag, struck them with full power and forced them back. "We can't go up agin it," said Sam. "It'll fall 'fore long, I reckon. It didn't

look like more'n a squall as I came up the trail. And maybe, Jimmy, the slide didn't strike the shanties; and ef it did, our pa's might 'a' been in the tunnels." "My pa wasn't," said Jimmy, shaking

our clothes when I left." "Them shanties was both put there to above the other in a clump of giant catastrophe stunned both in silence. It stay, and yourn was the stoutest builtspeak out on occasion.

"Now, Jimmy, I was bringing up a coffee pot. 'Taint no use standin' doin' nothin, and we'll melt some snow and ground in the pot.'

from the crosses of the pack saddle. "I'm sorry, old man. We mought 'a' | "There's a big mountain rat's nest under

the pot was set away in the snow to cool ful spirit, called "The Blue Bird," as a "Brace up, Uncle Jimmy! The boys sufficiently to permit of drinking from old, and couldn't in natur' 'a' helt on pork from the piece in his pack; and

In the background the jacks hung groped his way to him, and kneeling, when the pork was finished Sam got out Soon after the meal the wind began to

> fall, and the clouds, breaking away, the sun, now declining, struck into the gulch. Then they widened the steps sufficiently to permit of the jacks clambering up, and set out for the shanties. The trail was obliterated, but the

> snow was packed hard and they had little difficulty in gaining the site of the cabins. Then their fears were confirmed. Both had disappeared, and no human sound broke the soremi stimess. They had some difficulty, too, in locating the exact spots where the cabins had stood. This they at length did, however, by

> the aid of the torn and twisted trees. These, they saw, had broken the force of the slide, and deflected it as well, so that the main shoot had turned and passed directly over the lower cabin. The upper one, inhabited by the Trouts, had been covered but a few feet from the great side-pressure of the mass. After they had determined the loca-

tion, Sam paused, and leaning on the shovel which he had brought up, said, with generous self-restraint, "Now, Jimmy, we aint got but one shovel. Which shanty shall we go at first?" "Let's draw straws," replied Jimmy, after a moment's indecision.

"All right; you fix 'em. Jimmy stooped, and taking two needles from a broken pine bough at his feet, turned his back.

"Short is our shanty, long is yourn. Draw, Sam," he said, as he fac d about. Each knew the minutes now were fraught with life or death to their imprisoned fathers. Jimmy's big hand trembled as he held the fateful needles pressed between thumb and finger. Sam's lean, brown one never quivered as he reached and drew-the short one.

"Your shanty," he said, with a long breath, and flung off his coat. "I'll take first shift. We'd better run in an incline, so as to strike the door, of it's still Taking short runs, after a couple of

hours' rapid work, they heard a muffled cry from within. Then the door was soon reached, ferced open, and there, to their great joy, each saw his father. To the anxious boys the faces of the fathers looked white and ghastly from their confinement in the stifling place,

but the fresh air soon revived them. The old man Trail, struggling to his feet, was the first to speak. "We might er knowed, Uncle Jimmy,"

"that the boys was bound to gi us out.' "Old man," Uncle Jimmy replied, too much impressed by recent events to think

of aught else, "this slide has settled it fur man, with due deliberation, "this here

"That's a fact, pardner, and we can tally wounded by General Rocha in a due

moment to the prospector's heart, and

only after long and labored thought. "I was thinkin'," the old man replied, with the same thoughtful slowness-"cf it's all the same to you, pardner-of consolidatin' the names likewise into 'The betwixt me and you and Jimmy and Sam

is done settled, now and fur good." As the old man concluded he extended devastation, the sun set in peace on Silver Mountain .- Youth's Companion.

The velocipede is now universally used by orderlies on foot service in Alsace-Lorraine. At Strasburg one of the

The manufacture of rubies has reached such perfection that the artificial product is often as valuable as the natural stone.

## TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

MURFRESBORO INDEX.

Eastern and Middle States

SEVEN persons were injured by a collision on the Elevated Railroad in Brooklyn. A GREAT stringency in the money market has created considerable excitement in Wall Street, followed by quite a drop in prices of stocks. Appeals have been made by many business men to the Treasury Department to adopt a more liberal policy in the purchase of bonds, and thereby give relief.

THE Massachusetts Democratic State Convention, held in Worcester, nominated the following ticket: For Governor, Hon. H. B. stump of some broken giant stuck up its yellow splinters from the snow.

Both looked above, but the view was limited by the snow, driven by the furious wind, which, as they stepped from the crag, struck them with full power and tion; urges judicious reduction of the tariff in accordance with Mr. Cleveland's suggestion to Congress; expresses sympathy with Ireland, and says all "offensive partisans" should be discharged.

TWENTY-FOUR coal boats belonging to the Pittsburg coal combination, and valued at \$3,000 each, sank at Willow Grove, Penn. GENERAL L. B. FAULKNER was arrested at Buffalo, N. Y., on the charge of fraud in connection with the suspension of the First National Bank, of Dansville, of which his brother, now supposed to be in Canada, was

E. S. Wheeler, the New Haven importer who recently failed for \$2,000,000, has been arrested on the charge of obtaining money from a Hartford National Bank under false pretences. He was taken to Hartford and place I under \$5,000 baik WORD comes from Pittsburg, Penn., that all the large salt companies of the United

company, to be known as the National Salt Union. The object is mutual protection and to keep up prices. GOVERNOR HILL, in a speech at the Orange County Fair, Newburg, N. Y., favored a State law legalizing another holiday, to be settled this here business 'twixt me and this rock. I've noticed it every time I known as "Arbor Day," to be devoted to These were rival claimants to the same you long 'go; but now, I reckon it's passed, and the sticks are good and dry." tree planting, tree culture and education in

> South and West. Part of a freight train broke loose near Canton, Dakota, and ran down a grade until t collided with a passenger train. Five persons were killed and eight cars completely

MINNEAPOLIS is shocked at six sudden deaths in a week, two of them suicides. By the collapse of a grain loft in the stables of a Cincinnati street railroad, ten horses were buried and suffocated.

Assembly (302, Knights of Labor, of Chicago, has adopted a resolution declaring the Supreme Court's decision in the Anarchists' trial unjust, and urging Governor Oglesby to pardon the prisoners. Numerous other appeals for executive clemency have been sent

GENERAL WILLIAM PRESTON, Minister to Spain under Buchanan's Administration, and representative of the Confederate States in England, died a few days since at Louis ville, in his seventy-second year. "REGULATORS" of Southern Indiana,

known as "White Caps" from their wearing white masks, have again become very active, and one night recently whipped seven men with hickories. About seventy Regulators were in the band. A FIRE in the Northwestern Ohio oil

THE Glenn bill, which passed the lower House of the Georgia Legislature, has been practically killed in the Senate by the adopion of a substitute. It made it a penal offense to teach whites and blacks in the same school. An industrial parade ten miles long was feature of the Federal and Confederate Reunion at Evansville, Ind. Thirty-five thousand people attended. EMANCIPATION DAY was celebrated at

Jackson, Miss., by a very large procession of colored citizens. An address of welcome was lelivered by Mayor McGill. Almost the entire business part of Sanford, Fla., has been destroyed by fire. Total stimated loss, \$300,000.

## Washington.

GOVERNOR ROSS, of New Mexico, says in his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior that the marked increase of residents during the past few years will result in a population of 200,000 by 1890. During the first half of the fiscal year 1,141 entries of public lands, aggregating 152,500 acres, were made. THE collections from Internal Revenue during July and August aggregated \$20, 950,036, an increase of \$1,607.280 as compared with the first two months of the last

LAND COMMISSIONER SPARKS has prepared statement of the disposition of public and Indian lands during the past fiscal year. It appears that the sales, entries and selections f public land under the various acts of Congress embraced 25,111,400 agres, and of Indian lands 746,637 acres, making a total of 25,858,037 acres. The receipts from the disposals of lands aggregate \$10,783,922; from sales of Indian lands \$1,484,362, making a

total of \$12,269,224. A FORTHCOMING statement by Internal Revenue Commissioner Miller will show that internal revenue receipt; are steadily decreasing, because the people of this country drink less whisky and more beer. The internal revenue receipts for distilled spirits the past fiscal year were \$65,829,321, a derease of \$3,362,944 over the previous year. The receipts from beer during the past fiscal year were \$21,922,187, an increase of \$2,245,-456 ever the previous year. FRED. DOUGLAS, the noted colored orator, was given a reception and banquet by two thousand people of his race in the largest colored church of Washington. The occasion

Douglas from his recent trip to Europe. Foreign.

of the demonstration was the return of Mr.

#### KING WILLIAM has opened the States General, or Parliament of Holland. An advertised foot-race at Lillie Bridge London, did not come off, and the thousand "I was jest thinkin'," said the old of spectators took revenge in partly demolishing two grand stands, a large assembly

hall and a dancing pavilion, s.tting fire to thing of drivin' in two tunnels side hall and a dancing paymon, stelling in the debris. Four constables were injured ANTONIO GAYON, chief of one of the buareaus of the Mexican War Department, was

## SEWING GIRLS' TROUBLES.

in the city of Mexico.

#### How German Seamtresses Suffer from Great Competition.

Consul Jos. Falkenbach, of Bremen, has transmitted to the Department of State, a translation of an official report to the Imperial Diet of Germany upon the conditions of sewing girls in Germany. From this it appears that the average earnings of the sewing girl in many parts of Germany is barely sufficient to pay for subsistence and that sealed the compact then went round. lolging, leaving all necessary incidental And so, despite the torn trees and drifted expenses, including clothing, to be provided either by her family or through independent efforts of her own.

In the larger cities this condition leads to frightful suffering or degrading immorality and ruin. The investigation seems to have been instigated in part by a requirement on the part of employers that the girls should purchase thread and other supplies of the employers and at employers' prices. The wages of the sewing girl were found to have been much reduced by competition with the daughters of the comparatively well-to-do, who, though not compelled to labor for support, fin i thereby the means of purchasing luxuries and fineries of which they would ago the fame of Mrs. Stillwagon's beauty exotherwise be deprived.

# PAYING PENSIONS.

THE METHODS ADOPTED BY SOME FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Black's Annual Report.

The most original feature in the current annual report of Commissioner Black is its description of the pension systems of foreign countries. The facts for this purpose, says a Washington special to the New York Sun, were obtained in response to re-Sun, were obtained in response to re- was riding on the engine so as to open the quests made by him to American Ministers switch at Peru, three miles beyond, and the and Consuls-General in various lands, and General Black says that "the most courteous consideration has been paid to the requests in every instance save in the one addressed to the Minister at the Court of St. James."
Turning to the individual foreign systems,

in the French each pension for any grade is observed to contain what is called a maximum and a minimum figure: "For instance, that of a private soldier has a minimum of 600 and a maximum of 750 france. The minimum pension is gained by the length of service above stated, and for each additional year of service the pen-sioner is entitled to an addition of onetwentieth of the difference between the minimum and maximum until the maximum is attained. An applicant who is entitled to less than the maximum service pension is allowed an addition for active campaign service, graded according to the nature of his service in the campaigns in which he served." This is practically only analogous to our longevity pay system, which accrues to the benefit of those who go on the retired list. The German system is founded on the law of 1871, and its general basis is laid down at

"Every officer and military surgeon hold-ing the rank of officer who draws his pay from the army appropriations, receives a life pension if, after a period of service of at least ten years, he has become incapacitated for active service, and is discharged for that

the outset of that law:

"If the incapacity is caused by a wound or other injury received in the service, without the fault of the person thus injured, he will be entitled to a pension even after a shorter term of service than ten years." The length of service becomes a ground for a higher rate of pension, as in the French

Some of the rates of pension in Spain are furnished by Commissioner Black: "If by reason of wound or other accident of war a soldier loses his sight or the entire use of a limb he receives, if Colonel, 32,000 reals (\$1,600); if Lieutenaut-Colonel, 25,000 | (\$1,250); if a Major, 22,000 (\$1,100); if a Captain, 15,000 (\$750); if a Lieutenant, 8,000 (\$400); if a sub-Lieutenant, 6,000 (\$300). The real in our money is worth about five cents. After twenty years of service a Sergeant receives per month \$6; after twenty-five years of service \$7.50; after thirty-live years of service, \$8. A Sergeant entirely disabled by accidental injuries received in the service shall receive the regular retired rate of pension per month, from \$2.25 to \$6.75; corporals and privates of all branches of the service receive as service pensions after twenty years of service, or in cases of total disability, from \$2.25 to

The Turkish and Italian systems present no great elements of novelty, but the Rus-"The pension system in Russia seems to be rather in the nature of a mutual insurance company operation. The fund was established in 1859 by a donation from the imperial treasury of 7,500,000 rubles. All the beneficiaries legal and possible of this fund were from thenceforth assessed 6 per cent. per annum on the amounts of their salaries until the date of the first payment of pension, which began about the year 1865. The fund had then increased to 18,-000,000 rubles. In 1880 the principle of the fund reached the sum of 68,000,000 rubles. The number of beneficiaries is very small." China's system of pensions, like its other Government institutions, is seen to be interesting, although it may not invite imitation.

It dates back several centuries. The service age is sixty years:
"The forces of the empire are composed, first, of the Eighth and Manchu Banner Corps; second, the Army of the Green Standard or Chinese provincial forces; and, third, the irregulars, or Braves. All descendants of the Mongolian and Chinese

soldiery of the conquest are enrolled in the Eighth and Manchu Banner Corps. "The amount of pension depends not only upon the service, but upon the quality of the service and the character and degree of peril to which exposed during service. Divisions are made of wounded soldiers into classes according to the length of time assigned for recovery. Five such classes have been created. For a considerable time differences were made in the amount of pensions to be allowed for wounds made by spent cannon balls. Those who served and were killed or disabled in the front ranks are regarded with distinguished consideration. Those who suffered disablement in what may be called the "subordinate services," such as guard duty or train-guard duty, who were in the rear of an army and in positions less exposed to the actual danger of war, receive correspondingly less, and the pension system is made a prolongation and continuance of the rewards offered for valor and

honorable service in battle. It is noticeable, also, that under certain circumstances China makes provision for the support of the widow and for the son of the soldier killed in service. There is a difference in the compensation for marine and coast guard service in the outer and the inner seas, just as between service in the front or the rear of an army.

# ABOUT NOTED PROPLE.

CLAUS SPECKELS, the San Francisco sugar king, is said to be worth over thirty millions. JOHN RUSSELL Young is collecting material for a history of the civil life of General

THE aged Baroness Burdett-Coutts and her young American husband are coming to

paring potatoes. KING HUMBERT, of Italy, is only fortythree years old, yet his hair, long since gray, is now nearly white GENERAL LONGSTREET says he expects

"both sides to pitch in to him" when his book

on the war is published. HENRY GEORGE, the land and labor agitator, was fined \$100 in New York recently for disregarding the notice to serve as a jury-Two of Blaine's sons, Walker and Emmons. are citizens of Chicago. Both live at the

Union Club in that city. One is a lawer and the other is a railroader. THE richest man in Vermont is Colonel Estey, of Brattleboro. He is worth at the present moment \$2,500,000, all made in trade. He never speculated a dollar in any of the pet stocks or bonds. THE oldest man in Indiana is Samuel Mor-

claims to be the oldest woman on Long Island. She has just celebrated her 102d birthday surrounded by descendants to even the fifth generation. Three-quarters of a century ided as far South as Baltimore.

#### RAILROAD DISASTERS.

Four Accidents With Fatal Results in One Day.

> in each instance, occurred on Monday. Two miles north of Dubuque, Ia., two passenger trains collided on the curve, and the two engineers and one fireman were instantly killed, the other fireman and a brakeman dying during the forenoon. Charles Fales, one of the oldest engineers on the road, was on the engine of the south-bound train, and Eimer Winchester on the north-bound train. Wm. Richmond and Edward Cummings were the two firemen, and all lived in Dubuque. John Pernity, of Milwaukee, brakeman on the north-bound train, was among the killed. He regular meeting place of the two trains. J.
> J. O'Brien, express messenger, and one of the postal clerks were badly shaken up, but not seriously hurt. None of the passengers were injured, beyond a few bruises, except Richard Wright, of Holy Cross, who was coming to Dubuque. He was injured in firement were waiting here and the engineer and firement was coming to Dubuque. was coming to Dubuque. He was injured in the back, but not dangerously. The two en-gines were badly wrecked and were thrown into a shapeless muss.

> A terrible accident occurred on the Pennsylvania Railroad, near Mocanaqua, the port gave orders for a freight train to proreed south. He had forgotten that a freight train coming north was about due. The train proceeded south, and when nearing a long curve at Retreat the two engines came curve at Retreat the two engines came in collision. The engineers and firemen jumped and escaped unburt. The train coming north pulled, besides other freight, four cars of money. Maloney had hidden a constant powder. giant powder. The collision caused the powder to explode with terrific force, setting fire to the cars. The farmers for ing Maloney to keep quiet, the robbe miles around hastened to the scene and fought the flames with earth and what water they could procure. The cars were shattered into kindling wood. The force of the explosion can be imagined since some the explosion can be imagined since some | that nearly all the registered matter was of the rolling stock was found a quarter of a taken. There was no effort made to rol mile distant from the scene of the explosion.
> Louis Metz, Ellwood Snark and James
> Keene, all brakemen, were buried in the
> wreck. They were all fatally injured. Both
> engines rolled down the embankment and are totally wrecked.

A collision occurred at four o'clock in the morning near Forest, Ohio, on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroa L The first | to be pulled out. The four men moved off section of a freight train broke down, and the second section collided with it, killing a short time, and walked away, John Bouch, fireman of the second The train reached Fort Worth at 8:30 section. There were several cars of oil in the and the officers were at once netitled, and second section and they caught fire, and two posses, one headed by the Sheriff, the soon the entire fore part of the train was other by the City Marshal, were soon on the wrapped in flames. While the trainmen | road to the s ene of the robbery. were endeavoring to subdue the fire a car loaded with dynamite exploded, destroying several cars, tearing up the track, and injuring the engineer of the second section and about the matter. The theory of the officer

The fast day express over the Indianapolis and St. Louis Railway was wrecked near Fern station, about forty-five miles west of Indianapolis. The wreck was caused by the breaking of a wheel under the rear truck of the locomotive. The entire train, except the sleeping car, left the track, and the engineer and fireman, named Reddington, father and son, were killed. The elder Reddington, engineer, was found with his hand upon the throttle. The passengers escaped.

#### A PLUCKY WOMAN.

Hand Fight With a Burglar. Dr. Theodore Hornblower, of New Jersey,

came within an ace of making a martyr of himself and his wife certainly did make a creditable name for herself. While Mr. and Mrs. Hornblower were in bed a mysterious noice attracted their attention. As their eyes slowly opened they saw that a revolver was leveled at them. About the same time shadows were brought out distinctly on the walls. The shapes, the sounds and the revolver satisfied Dr. Hornblower that burglars

Instead of lying quietly in bel and allowing the burglars to penetrate his safes, the doctor jumped to the front and faced the big revolver. It was possibly the best jump the doctor ever made in his life—for two reasons. The doctor was merely scratched in the neck by a big bullet and he managed to hit his would-be slayer with a bull-t from his revolver. The doctor thinks the ballet hit the man's head. The police think that it must have entere I the burglar somewhere near the knee. At any rate stains of blood were traced for some distance.

Mrs. Hornblower either forgot, or did not know how, to scream and thereby create a pan'e in her husband's mind. She, too, jumped from her bed, while the pistols were being discharged. Then, as the bullets flew, and three are recorded, one of which struck the mantle, she held on to a coat and tried to seize a soft f lt hat attached to the top of an undersized, thick-set man, but, finding herself physically weak, she made it up partly by striking the interloper over the head with a chair.

## BEHEADED BY A WHEEL.

The Singular Death of a Pennsylvania Farmer.

An extraordinary accident occur red near West Nanticoke, Pa. George Davis, a farmer, who owned a tract of land about four miles from Nanticoke, drove to mor concerning the reported sale of the Nanticoke with a lumber wagon and double team. He started back with his load Washington Club. The team is for sale,

about dark, Near midnight his wife was arousel by hearing the wagon coming up in front of the house. She waite!, but her husband did not come; so she got up, took a lantern and went out. She found the wagon standing in front of the door, and lying on the lumber was the lifeless body of her husband. He games may be expected. had evidently gone to sleep and fallen down on the lumber, with his head over the side. The horses had swerved, bringing the wheel in contact with his head and neck, and com-The mad King of Bavaria is learning to make himself useful. He passes his days in paring potatoes.

The mad King of Bavaria is learning to pletely severed the head from the body. The horrible sight sent the poor wife into said that the League must recognize the Base-ball Brotherhood. If not, an association may gave the alarm,

# A BRUTAL ASSAULT.

the road and found the mutilated head

about two miles from the house.

#### Saloon Keepers Attempt to Murder a Prohibitionist.

as soon as it was known in Sutton's Bay,

Mich., that William A. Taylor, of Lansing, Prohibition State organizer, would speak in the school-house on prohibition, H. and J. Douster and other saloon sympathizers announced their determination to prevent the and writing in the field of local history.

Since the recent death of ex-Senator Cilley, of New Hampshire, the oldest surviving Senator is Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania, who was born in 1709. After him come Jefferson Davis, born in 1808, and Hannibal Hamlin, born in 1809.

Mrs. Rachel Stillwagon, of Flushing, Inizing Taylor their stores with guns and tin pans and then gathered about the hall door as the meeting book up to attack the speaker. Taylor left the hall in company with John Cadham, Levi Cozart and others. The attack began as soon as the party reached the front steps and was fierce and bloody. Cadham received the first blow and was knocked down and kicked, while the two Dousters, not recognized the local strain of the National League, Bouthers, of Detroit, leads all batsmen, with a percentage of .448. He has played in 100 games, scorner leads the New York Club; Darling, Chicago; Nash, Boston; Hines, Washington; Ferguson, Philadelphia; Carroll, Pittsburg, and Seery, Indianapolis.

"I have umpired for both organization and left or both organization and left or both organization." meeting if possible. This they were unable and was fierce and bloody. Cadham received the first blow and was knocked down and kicked, while the two Dousters, not recognizing Taylor, their special object of attack, in the dark, cut and slashed at Cozart instead. His life is despaired of. Taylor under cover of darkness succeeded in getting away unharmed. Several roughs chased him c-ylag, "Kill him!" No arrests have been made.

Four railroad accidents, with fatal results AN EXPRESS TRAIN STOPPED BY FOUR MEN.

#### The Express and Mail Cars Rifled of their Valuables.

The east-bound Texas and Pacific train was robbed the other night near Benbrook, Texas, at the trestle over Mary's Creek, where the same train was robbed in June. The circumstances are similar to those of the last robbery. Just as the train pulled out from the station two men got into firemen were ordered out of the cab and marched toward the express car under guard. The doors of the car were closed and one of the men, a tall, slim, sandy-haired fellow, yelled out: "Open up that car." Express Messenger Maloney paid no attention to the orders, when, after waiting a few seconds, a hammer of some kind was brou and the door was vigorously pounded.

About this time some ten shots were fired into the Pacific Express car and then pound

After finishing their work in the mail car the robbers escorted the engineer and fireman back to the locomotive and ordered the train

The amount stolen is variously is that the same men who committed the robbery in June were engaged in that of the other night, but this is the purest con-

some distance, watched the train for

#### PAINFUL SCENE IN COURT.

A Young Husband Confesses to Em bezzlement and is Sentenced.

Pale as death and trembling in every fibre, John J. Love, the confidential manager of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, stood before court at Chicago and confessed from his employers. Seated by his side and struggling hard to control her emotion was his young and handsome wife. The stern expression upon the judge's face relaxed as he looked upon the pleading face of the woman, and then, without a word of com ment, he announced the sentence of two years and a half at hard labor in the Joliet penitentiary. Love turned still paler and murmured, "My God," while his wife fell to the floor and sobbed convulsively. Finally both were removed, the one by officers and

Love is just entering his 23rd year. He went to Chicago in 1884 from Erie, Pa., where he was born and where he had held responsible positions. He is well connected there, and a large number of witnesses may the journey to testify to his previous char-acter. At the time of his arrest in May last he was dock superintendent, bookkeeper and confidential manager generally for the company. He began in its employ as a clerk Jan. 1, 1884, at \$60 per mont, and was advanced until he had the principal conduct of the business. He was an honest man until some time during the fall of 1886, when he fell into loose habits, associated with the most dissolute people and spent upon them \$11,000 which he retained in sums of from \$100 to \$1,300 in bills collected from the cu tomers of the company. Not a dollar of this sum was recovered, but it was all taken and spent between October 1, 1886, and May last, about \$8,000 being spent during the last three months of the time.

# THE NATIONAL GAME.

ONLY \$15,000 is asked for the release of Ramsey and Kerins, the Louisville battery. ONLY fourteen out of the twenty-four League pitchers have won more games than they have lost.

It is not a settled thing yet as to whether the St. Louis Club will or will not go into the League next season. CLARKSON, of Chicago, leads the strike out record of the League pitchers. He has made 190 batsnieh fan the air this season. MANAGER GAFFNEY corroborates the ru

THE Metropolitans have beaten the record by scoring only two runs in four sucgames. Three of the games resulted in no THERE will be a large number of good ball players from the East in California during the coming winter, and some interesting

THE Detroits have not been driven from the head of the League column since the fir week of the season, when they occupied third and second places successively for two days. PRESIDENT JOHN WARD is reported to have beformed of its members in opposition to Some of the neighbors started back along

the League. UMPIRE MCLEAN, of the International League, mulcted ten of the players at Toronto recently. He fined Faats \$10, McCor-mack \$5 and eight of the Syracuse players \$5 each for finding fault with his decisions. THE series between the St. Louis Club and the Detroits for the world's championship will probably consist of nine games. Two games will probably be played in New York, two in Detroit and two in Chicago, and one cach in St. Louis, Philadelphia and Balti-

In a recent game at Philadelphia between the Athletics and St. Louis, Latham, not liking McQuade's umpiring, insultingly asked the umpire if he "was going to do the right thing in the game." McQuade replied that he was, and immediately clapped a heavy fine on Latham.