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# SUMMARY NEWS.

Frank M. Irion, the defaulting clerk Frank M. Irion, the defaulting clerk of the city court of Birmingham, Ala., who arrived Wednesday night from New York, was placed in the county jail. He will make no effort to secure bond, and will plead guilty to the indictments against him. He is anxious to be serving out whatever sentence the court may pass. Irion's total shortage is now estimated at \$24,000. He lost it all in speculation and had only \$450 when he left last January.

At Bridgeport, Conn., Philip Palle-doni, the Italian who murdered his brother in cold blood on June 22, 1887, was hanged Friday.

At Atlanta, Ga., the Georgia School Technology was formally opened Friday.

A Chicago woman has been sentenced A Chickgo woman has been sentenced to ten years imprisonment for having poured kerosene over her husband and touched a match to him. The gentle-man was done to a turn.

# An Underground River.

An Underground River. News has been received that a great sensation prevals at Whiteville, N C, the county seat of Columbus, over the discov-ery of an underground river. What is claimed to be the roaring and rushing of water, which can be plainly heard, and hundreds of people are visiting the spot. When in the vicinity of the supposed stream, it can be plainly heard, but when a person lies flat upon the ground, the phenomenon becomes really alarm-ing. The sound indicates that the wa-ter is not any great distance down, and that it is not a small stream, but a ma-jestic river that is coursing unscen in the bowels of the earth on its way to the sea. Mr. Forney, of Alabama, a bill was pased authorizing the construction of a pased authorizing the construction of a mission of the supposed authorizing the construction of a mission of the phenomenon becomes really alarming. The sound indicates that the water is not any great distance down, and that it is not a small stream, but a mater is not any great distance down, and that it is not a small stream, but a mater is not any great distance down, and that it is not a small stream, but a mater is not any great distance down, and that it is not a small stream, but a mater is not any great distance down, and that it is not a small stream with the phenomena exists, create a hollow each from below and the earth in the vicinity for a great distance around seems to be cavernous, judging from the sound state to the eradication of the pielemic of yellow fever now exists that follow sharp blows. The Whiteville people are possessed of a very mobid curiosity.

Five in a Year.

An event occurred near Charleston which gives the Democrats much correr. Mrs Crane Washington, a colored matron, promises to increase the population to such an extent as to render the discussion the conference report on State of several members objecting to it. Pending a vote the House, at 1:55, adjourned.

State honeleast, Republican, provided was agreed to, and the Senate insisted was a arreed to a several members objecting to it. Pending a vote the House and Senate employ-

HOUSE AND SENATE. Without action on the resolution the senate adjourned. OUR BUSY LEGISLATORS.

Many Laws Introduced, But Few Passed.

MONDAY—In the House to-day, in the absence of the speaker, Mr Mc-Creasy, of Kentucky, occupied the chair as Speaker area trained of the Country. Able and well-known writers will contribute to its columns from different parts of the country, and it will contain the latest General News of the THE MESSENGER is a first-class newspaper and will not allow personal abuse in its columns. It is not sectarian or partisan, but independent—dealing fairly by all. It reserves the right to criticise the shortcomings of all public officials—commending the worthy, and recommending for elections in the interests of the people. It is intended to supply the long felt need of a newspaper to advocate the rights and defend the interests of the People. It is intended to supply the long felt need of a newspaper to advocate the rights and especially in the Piedmont section of the Speaker, Mr Mc-Creasy, of Kentucky, occupied the chair as Speaker pro tem. By Mr. Dougherty, of Florida, to prevent the interests of the people. It is intended to supply the long felt need of a newspaper to advocate the rights and especially in the Piedmont section of the Carolinas.

each house of Gongress shall constitute a quorum. By Mr Phelan, of Tennessee, provid-ing for the appointment of the board of yellow fever commissioners to investi-gate the sanitary condition of foreign in-fected places and to provide for the co-operation of Spain and Mexico. By Mr Abbott, of Texas, for the pre-ventation of trusts. The speaker pro tem laid before the House a massage from the Fresident an-nouncing his approval of the Chinese bill. Its reading was attentively listen-ed to and at its conclusion Mr Brecken-bridge, of Kentucky, moved the refer-ence of the message to the committee on foreign affairs. foreign affairs.

Mr Dunn, of Arkansas, was recognized to move to suspend the rules and put upon its passage the Senate bill to incor-porate the Maritime Canal Company of

porate the Mailtime Canal Company of Nicarauga, but no quorum was shown and the motion was withdrawn. The House then at 2:25 adjourned. SENATE—Among the bills reported from committees and placed on the Cal-endar were the following: House bill (with amendments) to for-foit certain lands conted to the North-

rouse bill to construct a road to the

House bill to construct a road to the National cemetary at Florence. The President's message to Congress, amouncing his approval of the Chinese exclusion bill, and submitting "some suggestions and recommendations" on the subject, was laid before the Sen ite and read at length. Senator Sherman moved that the message be printed, but the message was referred to the commit-tee on Foreign Relations. On motion of Senator Call the Senate bill granting the right of 'way through the naval and military reservations near Pensacols, Fla, to the Pensacola and Memphis Railroad Company was taken from the Calendar and pass-d.

from the Calendar and passed. The Senate then proceeded to execu-tive business, and at 4:20 adjourned.

TUESDAY .--- In the HOUSE on motion of Mr. Forney, of Alabama, a bill was ed authorizing the construction of a

After discussion the conference report was agreed to, and the Senate insisted on its disagreements to the items still in

Senate adjourned.
THURSDAY, HOUSE—A lively party debate was indulged in when Mr Burnes, of Missouri, called up the conference report on the general deficiency appropriation bill. Mr Barnes called attention to the amendment appropriating \$80,000 for the Industrial Christian Home Association of Utah, an association for the benefit of dependent women and children, who desire to 'sever their allegiance to the Mormon church.
This brought on a long political debate, devoted principally to the question of which party had done most to oppress polygamy in Utah. Finally the conference report was rejected.
The House at 4 p. m. adjourned.
The BENATE to-day resumed the consideration of Senator Hale's resolution on Gen. Benet's circular as to discharges from arsenals and armories, and Senator Teller opened the discussion upon it.
The debate which followed was participated in by Senators Teller, Salisbury, Stewart and Dawes. In its course Senator Salisbury remarked that he had not much respect for civil service reform. He believed that the party in power ought to see that its agents were men of capacity, of integrity, of honesty and fidelity. That was the kind of civil service that he believed in. If he had power he would repeal the civil service statute and revoke every order under it.
The resolution was finally agreed to without a division.
The bill adjusting the claims of fourth disas postmasters was then passed, after being amended so as to take effect July 1, 1889.
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1, 1889. The Senate bill for donation of Fort Fla, for free schools was, on motion of Senator Call, taken from the Calendar

and discussed. and discussed. During the discussion, Senator Ed-munds moved that when the Senate ad-journed to-day it be till Monday next. This provoked a heated controversy, but the resolution pased, yeas 34, mays 10

10 FRIDAY-The House developed no quorum Friday and but very little busi-

ness was transacted. At an evening session 27 private pen-sion bills were parsed and the House at 10:30 adjourned until Monday. at

# Virginia News.

Winchester, Va., has turned from "dry" to "wet."

Dan Shelby's circus, from Chicago, is stranded at Richmond, Va. Its effects are in the hands of the deputy sheriff.

Russel, Giese & Co., cement dealers, and John Burrows, wall paper, issued deeds of trust. former for \$40,000 and latter for \$50,000.

At Bristol, Va., fire destroyed houses and stores. Loss \$30,000, insurance \$19,000. Ladies formed line and passed buckets while many men stood idly by. and \$19,000.

The Richmond Exposition was formal-ly opened Wednesday in the presence of 20,000 people. Mrs. Gov. Lee set the machinery by touching an electric but ton. There was a magnificent parade previous to the ceremonies at the fair grounds.

The exercises attending the unveiling - The exercises attending the unveiling of the monument to the Confederate dead buried at Staunton, Va., which took place on Tuesday, were of an interesting and impressive character. There was a large tournout of people, a procession in which ex-Confederates and milita-v commands took parts a near bur the which ex-Confederates and milita-ry companies took part, a poem by the ex-mayor, A. C. Gordon, and addresses by Governor Lee, Gen. Early, Gen Ros-ser and others. An interesting feature of the occasion was the unveiling of the monument by a granddaughter of the late Gen Albert Sidney Johnston.

BUSINESS WORLD. DUN'S REVIEW OF THE WEEK. The Great Wheat Speculations The Chief Characteristic.

R. G. Dunn & Co's review of trade

R. G. Dunn & Co's review of trade for the week says: The great wheat speculation has been the absorbing feature this week for, though the September corner came to an end with heavy losses for sellers, it left the market in such a state that much higher prices for other options were eas-ily obtained. With December wheat at \$1.18 at Chicago, there came heavy sell-ing and a sharp reaction. But the state of the market is still against all reason. Cash wheat sells for more at Chicago than at Liverpool, and at one time it would have paid to ship wheat back from Antwerp to New York. The effects of this wild speculation will be injurious o legitimate trade, both foreign and do-mestic, and to consumers in this country it has already brought dearer flour and an advance in the price of bread. At New York sales of wheat amounted 108,-463,000 bushels, more than three times the entire visible supply, and prices clos-ed 8 5-8 cents higher than a week ago. Corn advanced 2 cents, with sales of 13,-000,000 bushels and oats a f raction.

SPECULATION IN PROVISIONS.

SPECULATION IN PROVISIONS. The speculative fever was felt in other markets, and pork rose \$1 per barrel; lard 35c, and hogs 25c per 100 pounds. Coffee rose 1c, with sales of 516,500 bags; and oil nearly 1c, with sales 5,738,-000 barrels. Cotton was slightly lower, with sales of 360,000 bales. The wool market has been steadily strengthening, with advances mainly in Ohio fleece and combing wool, but the average of 108 qualities is hardly a quarter of a cent higher than on Septembea 1, and manu-facturers continue to be prudent in their purchases. nurchases

THE YELLOW FEVER BLOCKADE.

Reports from interior points are uni-formly favorable outside of the influence formly favorable outside of the influence of yellow fever at the South. and even from that quarter commercial accounts are more encouraging. The interruption of traffic has been serious, and much harm has been done, but the resumption of business is now general, and merchants report im proving collections. Receipts of cotton are behind last year, because the crop is a late one, but are steadily in-creasing. At Nashville and some other points considerable stringency resulted from the interruption of remittances and sclf-defensive measures of the banks, but the situation is materially improving. MANUFACTURING PROSPERITY. MANUFACTURING PROSPERITY.

MANUFACTURING PROSPERITY. The great branches of industry are making fair progress. The reported div-idends of New England mills, manly cotton, show that the past year has been decidedly prosperous, and even in the woolen industry, though there is much depression, production in many depart-ments is still large. The demand for iron increases, and at Philadelphia the advance in pigriron is deemed equal to about \$1 per ton, while a remarkable im-provement is seen in the market for bar iron so long depressed. Steel rails do not advance, but sales of 16,000 tons by Eastern and 20,000 tons by Western milis are reported. In the boot and shoe trade reports are growing more satisfactory. are reported. In the boot and shoe trade reports are growing more satisfactory, though the advance of 10 to 15 per cent in hides and leather is not yet generally answered by the improvement in prices of manufactured goods, dealers being re-luctant to pay higher prices and lacking faith that an advance can be permanent by mainfaired. ly maintained.

# DECREASE IN FAILURES.

DECREASE IN FAILURES. It is also encouraging that, while the number of failures is large, the amount of liabilities for the third quarter of the year shows a decrease from \$73,022,551 last year to \$22,114,254 for the quarter just ended. The business failures occurring through-

FOREIGN NEWS The Social Democrat, of Zurich, has een removed to London.

By an explosion of melinite at St. Omer, France, six factories and two houses were burned.

The English foreign office announces that all ports in Portuguese India are infected with cholera.

Seventcen peasants have been sen-tenced to death in Kasan, Russia, for killing three policemen during a riot. One million spindles in the Lancashire Mills, England, have commenced run-nirg on short time. The mill-owners' object is to defeat the American cotton

ring. A paper of Linz, Austria, announces

A paper of Lnz, Austra, anothers that on the cccasion of an excursion from Gemunden to Weidmannsruh re-cently, the Czarwiech was betrothed to the Princess Maud, of Wales.

The Executive Committee of the Cotton Spinners' Association met at Man-chester. England, and unanimously adopted a proposition to run the mills on short time in order to defeat the spec-ulative ring.

An official dispatch from Suakim, Af-rica, says: "The rebels are extending their trenches daily. The fire from the Italian garrison fails to dislodge them, and they must be driven out by assault. Reinforcements are urgently demanded from Rome."

Sixteen persons perished in a fire at Cronstadt, Russia. The building de-stroyed was a lofty wooden tenement. The staircase was burned away, and a number of inmates leaped from the win-dows to the stony street to escape the flames and were mortally wounded.

Jerusalem is rapidly growing as a trade centre. One hundred thousand dollars werth of objects of devotion in mother of pearl and olive wood are ex-ported to America and Europe every year. Vine culture is being extended, and the price of land has risen six fold within a few years.

England's war with Thibet has assumed a new and important phase. Gen. Graham has defeated the Thibetans in branan has defeated the information into falapla Pass, and has advanced into their territory. They had fortified both the Jalapla and, Pemberton passes by building walls across the reals and sev-eral hundred yards up the hillsides.

# The Youngest Potentate.

A delicate-looking child, dressed in white frock, holding tightly to the ack mane of a huge rocking-horse, has Lightning fishes, according to a re-cent computation of Kohlrausch, the German electrician, have comparatively little energy. He estimates that the energy of from seven to thirty-five flashes would be necessary to keep one incan-descent lamp alight for an hour. An idea has been deradoued in Conbeen the admiration of crowds in a London picture-gallery for four days past.

past. To judge from the picture the little King of spain is as pretty a child as one could find in a day's journey. His pale, childish face is beautifully delineated by the artist, and is fairly illuminated with intelligent datk eyes. London critics consider the painting one of the finest examples of portraiture ever seen for years. It was done by Rrofessor Joszi koppay, a Hungarian, who has a big reputation as a portrait printer on the Continent. He did this picce of work under the supervision of Queen Regent Christina, of Spain, and the royal mother was so much delighted with it that she sent it here to London that English aristocrats might see what her baby monarch looked the. This is the seventh portrait which Koppay has painted for the royal family of Spain. The baby King's rocking-horse is unique. It is, in fact, the stuffed skin of a favorite black pony that belonged to his mother when she was a girl. The poor pet pony died of old age, and the Queen could not bear to see it buried. She stuffed the skin, had it expensively mounted, and put it into the nursery as To judge from the picture the little descent lamp alight for an hour. An idea has been developed in Ger-many in the shape of the manufacture of mortar by machinery in large quan-tities, to be delivered to contractors or individuals as required for use. About 2,000,000 barrels were disposed of in Berlin on this plan alone last year.

mounted, and put it into the nursery as a toy for her child. It is hardly pos-sible to convey an idea of the r ch color-

hiard who is so ungallant as to

Poor if Single, Rich if Married.

SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL.

Extremely tight lacing produces soften-ing of the brain. The determination of the figure of the earth is one of the objects of pendulum observations.

One pound of wheat bran contains as much phosphoric acid as does five pounds of corn meal.

An experimenter has made a lens of ice with which he was able to light a pipe by means of the sun's rays. It is said that a \$20 gold piece will carry bacteria from hand to hand, as they nestle down between the milled lines.

An ingenious Frenchman proposes to stop the speed of vessels suddenly by throwing several parachutes over the

Philadelphia is the largest woolen manufacturing town in the United States. In 1880 alone it manufactured \$29,000,000 worth of woolens.

Aluminium resembles silver in appear-ance, is stronger than steel, will not tarnish and is superior to silver for all purposes for which that metal is used.

According to a Southenn writer, sorg-hum syrup has a soothing effect on the disposition of women and children, who probably are easily appeased by sugar candy.

In using carbolic acid as a disinfectant for sinks, wash basins, etc., mix a wine-glassful with half a pint of warm water. For washing walls, furniture, etc., mix a wineglassful with a pint and a half of warm water. warm water.

Although man, during his evolution from barbarism to civilization, has in-creased in strength and stature and in longevity, on the other hand, his power of recovery from the effects of bodily hurt has materially deteriorated.

The Northern Tacific road has ordered 50 heavy freight locomotives, 500 stock cars, 500 coal cars, 10 passenger coaches, 5 baggage and mail cars and 50 furniture cars, all to be delivered before Christ-mas. They have further orders in for 1990 1889. Analysis of natural gas shows the pro-

ortion of each constituent in 100 parts of the gas to be as follows: Carbonic acid and earbonic oxide, .6 each; oxy-gen, .8; olefant gas, 1; ethylic, hydride, 5; marsh gas, 67; hydrogen, 22; nitro-

Dr. Esquirol describes the "suicide-

mania" as a special form of hereditary insanity, and estimates that four out of ten self-murderent act under the impulse

of a moral predisposition, rather than of physical disorders, or the haunting memory of a severe bereavement.

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matron, promises to increase the popu-lation to such an extent as to render the State hopelessly Republican, provided the colored population remains true to its past traditions. Last January she Its past transforms. Last should show presented Mr Washington with triplets. The surprised parent at once took steps to change his name. He had heard abont Was hington, being the father of his country, and he did not know how much there might be in a name. He much there might be in a name. H dropped the matter, however, but to-da H the responsibilities of parentage again developed upon him. This time it was only twins, making a total of five in one year, with a cold winter ahead of him. The pickaninnies are said to be black as tar and lively as crickets. The Demo-cratic party can stand no such increase and is thinking seriously of recruiting its ranks from the colored voters.

# A Roman Advantage.

A high-school master instructing his There were many features of the man's life which proved that their There civilization was far inferior to our own. Can any one in the class cite some of se features

Their gladiatorial combats," said one

"Their sports in general," said another. "Their false rel g.on." said another. "The oppression of the poor," said an-

other. "That is very well," said the teacher. "Now can any one tell me any point in which the Komans had the advantage

There was a generel silence for a moment, and finally one boy's hand went ap.

Well, what is it?" the teacher asked. "They didn't have to translate Vergil !"

During the last year 993 bodies were creinated in Buenos Ayres, of which number 742 were those of persons who had died of cholera, smallpox, and other contagious diseases.

controversy The conference report on the joint resolution in aid of yellow fever suffer-ers was presented and agreed to after some explanatory remarks by Senator Edmunds.

Edmunds. Senator Jones, of Nevada, offered a resolution, which was referred to the committee on foreign relations, request-ing the President to negotiate treaties with the government of her Britannic Majesty and with the Republic of Mexi-co, respectively, for the exclusion of Chinese laborers from the North Ameri-can continent and for the prevention of can continent, and for the prevention of their entrance into the United States from the territory of either of such gov-eraments or from the depencies thereof.

WEDNESDAY.—In the HOUSE on mo-tion of Mr. Herbert, of Alabama, the Senate bill was passed granting the right of way to the Pensacola and Memphis Senate bill was passed granting the right of way to the Pensacola and Memphis Railroad Company through public lands in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee, and through naval and mili-tary reservations near Pensacola. The proposition to extend the United States laws over No Man's Land, as an amendment to the Oklahoma bill gave rise to considerable discussion. Paradiage action the House at 4:35 n m Pending action the House at 4:35 p m adjourned.

adjourned. SENATE.—Senator Allison, from the committee on finance, reported back the House tariff bill with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. It was placed on the calendar and ordered to be orinted

printed. Senator Sherman obtained permission to make a few remarks on the tariff bill, and spoke until 1 o'clock. The Senate then resumed consideration

of Mr. Hales' resolution calling for an explanation as to the discharges of Re-publican employees in United States arsenals and armories.

Sometime ago a petition, signed by a number of citizens of Newport, News was sent to Secretary Bayard, asking him to request the English government to News

to request the English government to remove from office, Frederick T. Wac-burton, British Vice-Consulat that place. Col. Wacburton, who at one time held the commission of lieutenant-colonel in

the commission of heutenant-colonel in the British army, bad made himself un-popular with the signers of the petition. Col. Wacbuston, through counsel, has filed suit for \$20,000 in the United States Circuit Court there for damages against sixteen of the petitioners, among whom are several employes of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, which has its eastern terminus at that place. The case will be called next month.

The New York Produce Market. BUTTER AND EGGS-23 to 24c 17 to 20c 12 1-2 to 14c 17 to 19c Creamery Butter, Dairy " Factory " MEA IS AND POULTRY— Live Veal Calves Calves (country dressed) Lambs Show 7 to Se 9 to 10c 9 to 10c 5 3 4 to 6 1.4 4 1.2 to 5c 9 1.4 to 9 1.2 14 to 15 13 to 14 1.2 10 to 15 Sheep Hogs Spring Chickens Fowls, Southern, Turkeys FRUIT AND VEGETABLES\_ \$2 00 to \$2 50 Apples Pears Peaches 2 00 to \$4 00 .75 to 1 00 5 to 6c \$7 00 to \$8 00 \$1 75 to \$2 00 1 69 Grapes Watermelons (bbl) Beans, Peas (green) per bu., 1887 CHARLOTTE COTTON MARKET Middling fair Good Middling Strict Middlin Middling The smaller the "talker" the bigger the salesman, often.

out the country during the last wee number, for the United States 184, Can week The little fellow, who has the distinc-tion of being publicly stared out of countenance just now, is the youngest monarch in the world. He succeeded ada 27; total 211, against 220 last week.

#### Two Men Shot Dead.

A terrible tragedy took place four miles from Memphis, Tenn, at Gill's sta-tion. J. E. Smith, Will W. Eastman, J. E. Jordan, all residents of Memphis monarch in the world. He succeeded to the throne at the moment of his birth. For a three-year-old he is said to be remarkably intelligent. The pict-ure will soon be taken away from here and exhibited for a limited period in stock a trip on the dummy to the station. Smith seeing a mule in the road, said he thought he would take a ride. As he approached the animal Jim Conley a n gro, called out: "let dat mule alone," and exhibited for a limited period in Berlin and Paris. When in Madrid recently, and being invited by the Queen of Spain, Mme. Patti expressed a desire to see the little baby King, "the being," she added, "the only sovereign in the world whom I have not seen." On Ilis Majesty being introduced the diva made a deep eour-tesy and pressed his chubby little hand to her lips, at which the usen remarked, laughingly: "My son shail not be the first Spaniard who is so ungallant as to approa at the same time applying approbrious epi-thets. Conley was scated in a yard. Smith and Eastman started toward him. Jordan remonstrated but they entered the yard. Conley ran into the house, shut the door, and a second afterwards a shot gun was thrust through the window and discharged. Its contents struck Eastman in the head, killing him instantly. Smith ran to Eastman. As he was bending over the dead body the other barrel of faugningly: "Siv son shart not be the first Spaniard who is so ungallant as to give his hand to be kissed by a lady. I ray, permit him to apologize by re-turning the kiss." And little Alfonso responded at once by placing his short arms around the neck of the famous vocalist and giving her a hearty kiss.— New York Warld the gun was discharged. He was struck in the left side with several buckshot, and mortally wounded. Conley after the becking fact. The invest exten shoo erate New York World.

"N Ye You will have or you this, a mistal And quickly went up every hand. But never a youngster could certain! Although very are is had studied it w Whether lakes were of water or laud Alas and alas! That it should quickly pass To Pat at the foot of the primary class. He waited triumphant, demure. A lake, thin—is what you'd be askin' o' me't A lake, is it what in the wurld would it bo But a hole in the tay kittle, sure?" —Sydney Dayre, in You's's Companion. A mocking bird in Albany, N. Y., whistles "Boulanger's March."

Poor if Single, Rich if Married. James S. Babcock, of Chicago, has been left a large estate by his uncle on strange conditions. Luther James, the restator, recently died at Waukesha, Wis, and his will was admitted to pro-bate at Ann Arbor, Mich. By it Bab-cock is left \$30,000 and the interest on over \$250,000. This arrangement lasts for five years, when Babcock, if he is murried, obtains control of the estate; if not married, the properly will be divided among twenty one nieces and nephews,

pidity. A plant called the "laughing plant," or, in scientific parlance, "Cannibalis Sativa." has been discovered, and it is alleged that when it is eaten in its green state or taken as a tincture, made either from the green or the dried leaf, as a powder of the dried leaf, or smoked as tobacco, it is potent in producing ex-altation, laughter and cheering ideas.

Berlin on this plan alone last year. An Englishman, who has made a special study of deer, says that the chief use of their antlers is not so much for fighting as for facilitating the progress of the animal through the woods. By throwing up the head, thereby placing the horns along the back, they are en-abled to go forward with great ra-pidity.

A "traction increaser" is the name of a powerful device now being tested on a powerful device how tends tested on three freight engines of the Pennsyl-vania Railroad. It is a drawbar firmly fixed between the locomotive and tender, and it automatically throws a part of the weight of the tender on the driving wheels of the engine in proportion to the load the latter has to pull. This makes the locomotive heavier when it makes the locomotive heavier when it should be so, and increases its pulling power and speed.

## Punishing Wooden Idols.

In Foochow, China, a prominent mili-tary man died suddenly a short time ago. The people believed that his death was the work of the idols in one of the was the work of the idois in one of the temples. These idois were supposed to perform feats of vengeance for all those who were afraid to go into the business personally. The viceroy of Foochow ordered the arrest of the guilty idols. ordered the arrest of the guilty idols. The prefect, armed with a warrant, en-tered the temple and arrested the wooden gods: but before taking them to their judges, the official poked out their eyes, so that they would not be able to see their enemies and do harm in the fu-ture. The wicked things were found guilty, and the Viceroy ordered their heads to be ent off. His order was promptly obeyed. Then the bodies of the gods were thrown into a pond, and the temple in which they were worshipped torn down - New York Sun.

## The Christening of the Bowery.

Wis, and his will was admitted to pro-bate at An Arbor, Mich. By it Bab cock is left \$30,000 and the interest on over \$250,000. This arrangement lasts for five years, when Babcock, if he is married, the property will be divided among twenty one nieces and nephews, who also get \$15,000 apiece by the will. Babcock is thirty-eight years old. He was his uncle's private secretary, and has had general control of his a fairs for sevaral years. —Nea York World.

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A Lesson in Geogra	phy.
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