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EDITORIAL NOTES.

A FEW years ago a measure was adopted providing for the gradual manumission of slaves in Cuba. This worked exceedingly well indeed, and u der it 285,000 slaves have already been peacefully/liberated, with entire satisfaction to the owners. There are now hardly more than 100,000 staves on the island, and most of them will be set free during the year.

GENERAL JOHN NEWTON, who has made a study of modern explosives, says that no agent can supplant gunpowder or the principal requirements of war-In blasting rock the higher ex Proves ... tay be employed, except where the rock is weak in cohesion, when gunpowder is preferable. 'In coal mines the higher explosives are too destructive in their action. Dynamite as a destructive agent for unlawful purposes can only be applied on a limited scale, and with nearly fruitless results, as time, money and elaborate preparations are required for effective work.

THE World's exposition at New Or leans, will devote 247 acres to lakes and gardens, showing the rarest trees and cheapest cigars. It is adulterated with plants of Mexico, Central America saltpeter to prevent moulding, and this Florida and foreign countries. Hortiuse of saltpeter is said by medical men cultural hall will be 600 by 184 feet. to be highly injurious to the vital func-Mr. P. J. Berckmaus, of Augusta, Ga., tions. The oil of the cigarette reper has been appointed a special commiswrappers is said to be even more poisonsioner to confer with various European ous than the oil of tobacco. The majorsocieties in reference to the fruit and ity of cigarette smokers are very young plant display. The collective Mexican people, principally boys, and not a few exhibit will be an immense thing, occugirls. Physicians specify the following pying a building 1,400x900 feet. Acas among the evils spring ng from the companying this eshibit will be a Mexihabit: palpitation of the heart, indigescan band and a battalion of Mexican tion, catarrh in the head, asthma, pneutroops, The exposition will receive libmonia, bronchitis, morbid eraving for eral encouragement from the leading drink, destruction of the nerves of the

walls of Vienna, and of overrunning one NEWS OF THE WEEK. day the civilized world. Eastern and Middle States.

ESTABLISHED 1848.

NEW YORK has been shrouded in the THE cigarette is a harmless looking densest fog which has prevailed there for years. Navigation on the rivers was almost thing, but in the opinion 'of many wellntirely suspended and business was very posted peop e it contains about as much much impeded. poison to the square inch as any one ar-THE mining village of Olyphant, Penn., was panic-stricken by a sud len rise in the ticle that could be named. The cigar-Lackawanna river, which floodel the lowette busine s started in this countryving streets and surprised a number of amilies in their houses. The women and about fifteen years ago. American cigarchildren were removed to a place of safety on the backs of the miners, who waded at great peril through the swift current that ettes were nove ties, and attracted favorable attention from the start. The rapid was making its way along the streets. A growth of the business and its present girl of seventeen years was drowned. A LARGE meeting was held in New York magnitude will be better understood in favor of the bill giving the mayor the when it is stated that in 1882 600,000 .right to nominate public officers without making confirmation by the board of alder-000 cigarettes were manufactured in this men necessary. William M. Evarts and others addressed the meeting. country of which New York furnished ASSEMBLYMAN ROOSEVELT, of New York 444,092,867. One hundred and eightycity, a prominent member of the State legis-

Democrati et

lature, has suffered a double bereavement, two different brands of cigarettes have his mother and wife dying at his residence on the same day, the wife having just bebeen manufactured in the last fifteen come a mother. years. Of these seventy-one varieties MARY BYRNE when ten years old was run over by a train at Troy, N. Y., and lost a leg. The case was begun fourteen years ago, and have had their day and ceased to exist. The original American cigarettes had a verdict in her favor for \$7,500 has just been

monthpieces in imitation of the Euroawarded pean article. The price was then twenty THAD S. AVERY, of Chichester, N. Y., quarreled with his wife and cut her throat cents a package, but since mouthpi ces as well as his own, killing her and inflicting a fatal wound upon himself. went out of fashion the price dropped to

WENDELL PHILLIPS' will leaves his propten cents. It is ass rted that the tobacco erty, aggregating in value about \$250,000, to his wife and adopted daughter. used in the manufacture of igarettes is THE steamship State of Nebraska, from of a meaner grade than that ... I in the

Glasgow, arrived in New York, having on board the ninety-two men comprising the officers and crew of the steamship Notting Hill, running between London and New York. The Notting Hill had been struck by a huge iceberg and injured so badly that she

had to be abandoned. SIX convicts-five colored and one whitewere whipped a few days since at New Castle. Del. MUCH damage has been done by floods and

Ice near Harrisburg, Penn. Four bridges, valued at more than \$\$0,000, were crushed and carried away. Three dams were washed out and the mills connected with them so badly injured as to prevent their running until repaired.

MAYOR EDSON, of New York, received many telegrams from the mayors of flooded towns, on the Ohio river, appealing for aid. Copies of the telegrams were sent to the various exchanges of the city, and imme-

Seven persons out in the shourt poat at Dundee, Scotland, were det ried. ENGLISH troops have been orders to the Red Sea ports, to defend tham arounst El

A Family Newspaper: Devoted to Home Inf jests and General News

he Mountain Banner.

Mahdi's rebels. Two mandarins have well exe fted for instigating the recent may see of (ristians in Tonquin.

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In Tonquin. MEXICO wants 40,000 for of specia in the main building at the colored New, Orleans exposition, and 120,000 feet butsid for the Mexican garden, the building for the Mexi-can commission, and for Stampin aground for a battalion of Mexican troopt Over \$200,000 has been appropriated by Mexi-cans, who will send a mixin licent band of musicians and a corps of acets.

musicians and a corps of sects. SEVERAL persons were solved and an immense pecuniary loss are sustailed by a waterspout in Arequipment and an its environs.

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THE court of inquiry into the loss of the Proteus, the vessel sent by the United States

report states that Lieutenant Garlington, commander of the Proteus, committed various errors of judgment, and that Chief Signal Officer Hazen, who superintended the fitting out of the Froteus expedition, did not number of soldiers of the late war who served fully comprehend the necessities of the case; no further proceedings before a general court martial are called for.

tee of investigation into alleged political out-rages in Copiah county, Miss., arrived at term beginning March 4, 1885. The cre-New Orleans and examined witnesses.

Commodore Edward Simpson to be rear-admiral in the navy; Edward S. Stevens to be consul at Victoria; Francis A. Osgood to be collector of customs for the district of Marblehead: Albert Schunemann, of Denver, to be receiver of public moneys at Prescott,

In accordance with the recommendation of Secretary Folger, the President has directed the promotion of Lientenant Rhodes, of the revenue cutter Dexter, for gallant and meritorious conduct on the occasion of After some debate the Senate receded from

THE President has approved the joint reso lution authorizing the sending of an expedi tion to the relief of Greely.

at Danville, Va.

COMMITTEE WORK.

What is Going On in the Congressional Committee Rooms.

agreed upon a report adverse to the woman's suffrage advocates, but determined to hold it until a delegation from the West could be heard.

the seventy-five public building bills before the House committee on public buildings will be favorably reported.

hinese laborers under other hames pending before the foreign affairs committee, has been reconstructed. Mr. Rice, of Massach 1setts, proved that its provisions violated treaty stipulations.

requests advanced before the committee by labor organizations.

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Senate.

who served in said war....Mr. Pendleton

The bill was referred to the commit-

hees) offered ' a resolution directing

the secretary of the interior to withhold ap-

proval of selections of lands made by the

Northern Pacific Railroad company within

sidered the McPherson banking bill and Mr.

Voor-

MME. PAULINE LUCCA will undoubtedly sing in this country next season.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to establish a con-servatory of music in Peorta, Ill.

LOTTA is announced to open the new Casino theatre in Washington next autumn.

MR. WINCH, the American tepor, is singing with success in oratorio in England. FANNIE DAVENPORT is playing "Fedora"

on the road to average weekly receipts of Senator-elect from the State of Ohio, for the \$6,000.

RISTORI, the celebrated Italian actress, is dentials were read and ordered to be filed. coming to this country in October, and will ... The committee on naval affairs reported make a tour of the principal cities. avorably a bill for the relief of the survivors

MRS. LANGTRY will not, after all, says an of the Jeannette expedition and of the English paper, go to Australia, but will have widows and children of those who perished. .Mr. Riddleberger's resolution providing a London theatre after the ternination of her American engagement. for a joint committee to inquire into re-

EDWARD MILLIKEN, of the "Jalma" commovals and appointments of Senate and House employes was the subject of a long debate. pany, has written a new drama in five acts, participated in by Messrs. Vest, Riddleberwhich is purely American, and contains some ger and Conger. A message was received from novel scenic and mechanical effects

> GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND, the New York journalist, has written a drama called "Cromwell," which deals with the history of the protector up to and including the protectorate.

MRS. W. G. NOAH, one of the great ac-A oil appropriating \$ 00,000 to commence tresses of fifty years ago, who played rival engagements with Fanny Kemble and supported the elder Booth and Forrest, is still living in Rochester, N. Y.

EDWIN BOOTH, who recently finished a very successful engagement in Philadelphia, declined an engagement in Pittsburg upon a guarantee of \$10,000 clear for a single week, He preferred to go to Boston.

"THE Marchioness," as played by Lotta in London, is a new adaptation of the incidents tee on the judiciary A bill was introduced of the novel, by Charles' Dickens, who has merely arranged his father's "Old Curiosity Shop" into a series of disconnected scenes, not, in any sense of the word, making a affairs, reported unfavorably and moved the drama.

> THE New York Orchestral society has an rchestra of amateurs composed as follows: l'en violins, one viola, one violincello, two louble basses, two flutes, one oboe, three clarionets, one saxophone, two trumpets (cornets probably), two horns, two trombones, one piano and two drums.

THE Modjeska ranch out in California, which cost her \$60,000, has commenced vieldng a profit, bringing the actress \$5,000 the other day, which she looked upon as "uck money," and invested it in a tiara and earings to wear as a sort of mascotte in Maurice Barrymore's new play.

THE Pall Mall Gazette notes an interesting fact with reference to the well-known song. tion was agreed to directing the committee on |"I Arise from Dreams of Thee." It was composed by Mr. Charles K. Salamo recognizing the hit he had made, sold it for £8, copyright and all. The present holder of that right derives from it the nice little income of £800 a year. MR. T. SLATER SMITH, manager of Ranch '10," has purchased a new play, which will be produced for the first time in Philadelphia on March 17. The title is Kentucky Belle," which applies not only to he heroine, but to a celebrated race horse hat has been named after her. The play as a number of sensational effects, a novel ire scene, and a reproduction of a race ourse.

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were injured. MISS CLARA BTON, predent of the American Nation Association of be Red Cross, accompany by Doctor Hut all, the special field agend the asocia on, has gone from Washing to the seem of the FURTHER confirmations by the Senate

the House announcing that that body was still unable to agree to the Senate amendment to the Greely Relief bill, requiring that the men sent on that expedition should be volunteers.

the City of Columbus disaster. its amendment by a vote of 29 to 22.

WITNESSES testified · before the Senate committee of investigation concerning the election trouble between whites and blacks

the construction of a building for the accommodation of the library of Congress was passel by a vote of 35 yeas to 6 navs.... Mr. voorhees asked and obtained unanimous

consent to introduce, out of the regular order, a bill to prohibit officers and employes of the United States government from con-

tributing money for political purposes. A debate, part'cipated in by Messrs, Voorhees, Hawley, Beck, Dawes and Harrison, fol-

lowed.

The House committee on the judiciary had by Mr. McPherson to suspend the coinage of the silver dollar Mr. Hale, from the committee on naval

indefinte postponement of the joint resolution introduced by Mr. McPherson, limiting the amount of money to be expended

Unly a comparatively small proportion of by the President on the Greely relief expedition to \$500,0 %.....Mr.

The bill prohibiting the emigration of certain indemnity limits The Senate con-

Judge Melton, a Pittsburg capitalist, op-Bayard delivered an address in its support. Mr. Sawyer called up the bill recently reported from the committee on postposed before the House labor committee the offices and post reads, making all public

roads and highways post routes, and after The House banking and currency commitsome amendment it was passed.... A resolutee voted to report Summer's bill limiting the liability of national banks to that of finance to consider the expediency of providdebtors named in the limited liabili ing by general legislation for the change of section of the revised statutes names of national banks, and to report by The House committee on postoffices in bill or otherwise at the present session. structed Mr. Skinner to report favorably Mr. Logan introduced a bill to provide that his bill making an, allowance for rent to persons honorably discharged from the milipostoffices of the third class. Mr. Money tary or naval service of the United States was also instructed to report favorably his shall be preferred for appointment to civil bill striking from Section 3,929 revised offices, provided they are found to possess statutes the word "fraudulent" before the the necessary business canacity The Senate spent most of a day again dis-

to the relief of the Greely expedition in the Arctic regions, has made its report. The The chair laid before the Senate a communication from the secretary of war transmitting, in compliance with a recent resolution of the Senate, a statement showing the

one year, how many two years, and how at the same time the court is of opinion that | many three years, and the amount of money required to equalize the bounties of those THE United States Senate commitpresented the credentials of Henry B. Payne,

countries of the world.

BEER as an article of diet has been discontinued in at least 27 pauper lunation asylums in England, with the result that in no instance has the apparently important change led to any sort of physiological inconvenience. Many of the superintendents, in whose asylums the modification was made, and through them many of the patients testify cordially to The question, says the Journal of Mental Science, is not one of teetotalism, or even primarily of a financial order, but one of pure expediency and good management In all probability the disuse of beer as an element of the diet of pauper lunatics in English asy ums will be more extended and will be watched with interest.

THE latest estimates place the population of the globe at 1,433,800,000, indicating a decrease in the last three years of some 22,000,000, though, as a matter of fact, there has been an actual increase of s me 33,000,000. This apparent discrepancy is accounted for by the fact that the population of China has heretofore been largely over e timated. In reference to our own country the statistics show that no country in the history of the world ever had such a composite population, leaving but four cent from other countries, and from white races of other types, and thirteen per cent for those of African descent. Probably no other country on the face of the globe can show such a diversity and at the same time such a substantial unity of race and descent

THE recent discovery of tin ore at King's Mountain, North Carolina, is attracting considerable attention. Several scientists visited King's Mountain a few days ago, and found quantities of tin ore scattered over the ground all through the town. . Striking a hill-side several ditches were dug, but without running across a vein of ore. The discovery was made in a singular manner. Several specimens of black looking ore were sent to the Boston exposition, and marked "unknown." An examination showed it to be tin ore of t e richest quality, yielding 75 per cent of tin. There are only three tin-bearing mines in the world and there is a standing reward of \$50,000 offered for the discovery of one in the United States, Following the announcement of the North Carolina discovery comes the report of the finding of vast tin deposits within three miles of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

SOUDAN is the name given to the vast | Paris cemeteries.

eyes. In New Jersey a law has been passed making it a penal offense to sell cigarettes/or tobacco to minors under sixteen years of age, and a similar bill is now pending in the New York legis ature. There is a disposition everywhere to suppress or check as much as possible the habit of cigarette smoking. The vice leads to re ults as injurious as any produced by the use of sleohol, and the physical, mental an moral decay/occa-sioned by the practice cannot fail to fill our hospitals, asylums, jails and cemete ries, unless a halt is speedily called.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

THE movement in Germany for the better obs rvation of Sunday is growing rapidly.

A CENSUS just concluded in New Zealan! gives that far-away land a popu ation, European and Chinese, of 532,000. THE old fields and bush undergrowth around Mobile that sold for a song five years ago command from twenty five to three hundred dollars an acre.

THE total income of the Salvation army for 1883 is reported at \$1,599,000. The army is now publishing sixteen, War Cries" in various countries.

AT Miss Clara Cushman's mission school in Pekin the feet of the girls are not allowed to be bound-the only school in China where that is the case. Russia, which has an area in Europe two-thirds as large as the whole United States, with a population of more than 70,000,000, lies almost entirely north of

St. Paul.

THERE were 1,676 accidents last year in the Pacific coal mines, 323 deaths, making 153 widows and 512 orphans. There was one death to eve y 90,000 tons taken out. THE bank of England has a floating

palance of \$100,000,000 and the bank notes, if stretched together end to end would reach a distance of 12,520 miles. The Egyptian war will use up a few miles of this money.

THE "Confederate rose" is the name of a new flower which is white in the morning and red at night. Four of them have been planted around the grave of General Albert Sidney Johnson, in the state cemetary at Austin, Texas. CREMATION is to be tried in France, permission having been given by the prefect of police, on the recommendation of Drourdel, to burn the remains of hospital subjects, provided a satisfactory hospital subjects, provided a satisfactory apparatus be constructed in one of the Wheeling, W. Va., and vicinity, amounts to \$6,000,000. An appeal for aid, issued from Wheeling, states that the suffering there and 2 3 6

was taken. THOMAS KINSELLA, a prominent journal-

ist, for many years editor of the Brooklyn Eagle, is dead. MISS JENNIE ALMY, a handsome young woman, a private teacher, shot and mortally wounded Victor C. Andre twenty-one years old, also a private teacher, in a crowded station of the New York elevated railroad. Then Miss Almy shot and killed herself. The two had been engaged to be married, but it s asserted that Andre, who had come to

this country six months ago and been admitted to the best society, had betrayed and then refused to marry the girl. FORT SULLY, IL and and been burned out. The soldiers there were compelled to

camp out, with the thermometer at twentyfive degrees below zero. A GANG of nine counterfeiters were arrested by United States Secret service officers at Louisville, Ky.

ABOUT 25,000 persons in Cincinnati and the adjacent towns of Covington and New-port were rendered homeless by the flood. IN a distatch from the mayor of Galli-

polis, Ohio, to the mayor of New York, telling of the destitution which prevails in the submerged region, and asking for relief. the sender savs: "At least 2,000 houses have been swept away or damaged to such a 1 extent as to be uninhabitable after the flood has sub ided. It is for those unfortunate people that we appeal for help. The farmers have lost largely of their horses and cattle and nearly all their grain and feed, and all their fencing; the merchants and manufacturers their stocks; the mechanics are thrown out of employment; coal mines and salt works are flooded, and everything is deso-late indeed. It will be weeks, months, before business can be resumed, and help will be needed long after the waters have gone down.

GOVERNOR KNOTT has issued a proclamation to the people of Kentucky calling upon them to aid the flood sufferers by private subcriptions, contributions and otherwise. The Kentucky legislature appropriated \$25,000 for the relief of the sufferers.

A FRIGHTFUL catastrophe, the result of the flood, occurred at Cincinnati. About/4 o'clock A. M. a terrible crash was heard at the corner of Pearl and Ludlow streets, in the flooded district. It was found that the rear parts of four brick buildings, which had been undermine by the waters, had fallen. The scene which followed the crash was one of horror. Men were shouting and women

and children were screaming for help. Soon. everal boats arrived, and the beatmen, with he aid of lanterns, began to rescue the inmates of the house-. About fifty people were taken out of the wrecked buildings. Ten persons were crushed to death in the ruins. STEAMERS with supplies of food and cloth-

ing have been sent by the government along the Ohio and tributaries to relieve the ne-cessities of the sufferers by the floods. COLONEL HUNT, a milliona're lumberman of Michigan, has just died, and being a lover of humorists and humorous books, of which he had accumulated a large number, he has eft \$5,000 each to the mother of Artemus

Ward, to Eli Perkins and to Josh Billings. A DESPERATE shooting affray at Hot Springs, Ark., between two factions of gam- taining most export blers-three brothers named Flynn, who hog products, expres were in a hack at the time, on one side, and seven men on the other side-resulted in the killing of one of the Flynns and the hack driver, the mortal wounding of another Flynn and two innocent bystanders, and the shooting away of part of the third Flynn's The men who fired upon the Flynns hand. began hostilities, and were arrested. The affray grew out of an attempt of two factions to control the gambling " business " of the town.

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the contractment bill for the establish re privides for of labor statistics. the appointment of a second state of the subject of labor, its real second state of sites, and

of a word "lottery." This is designed to prevent the use of the mails by any lottery company. The house committee on commerce has concluded consideration of the first section of the Reagan bill to regulate interstate commerce, and has decided to embody it in the proposed interstate commerce bill. The section makes it unlawful for railroad comamount of freight compensation or reward than is charged to or received from any other person or persons for like and con temporaneous services. All charges shall be reasonable and railroad companies shall furnish without discrimination the same facilities for the tra sportation of goods. Any break, stoppage or interruption to prevent the carriage of any property from the place of shipment to the place of destination is pro-

ECCENTRIC SUICIDES.

LOUIS WALTERS, of Akron, while intoxi-cated, cut a hole in the ice and drowned him-

A DE KALB county, Tenn., man cut a tree until it was ready to fall, and then let it crush him.

A SAN ANTONIO man cut his throat be cause a lottery ticket he had purchased proved a blank.

MRS. THOMAS PANTON, of Howard Lake Minn., killed herself because she was married against her will.

erty, of Illinois, offered a resolution declar-MRS. JOSEPH WAGENHAUSER, of Youngs ing that the House "aments the death of town, Ohio, cut her throat on account of the Vendell Phillips as a national bereavement." death of her son.

AFTER injuring her knee in jumping a rope Jane Becker, aged thirteen, of Reading, hung herself from a badpost.

WHILE suffering from inflammatory rheumatism, Mrs. Benjamin Watson, of Bloomington, Ill., threw herself into a cistern and was drowned

MRS. ANN STUMP, of Commbus, Ohio pois med her pet dog, fearing it might outlive her. Remorse at the deed caused her to kill herself with strychnine.

LEMUEL WHISTEN, near Enterprise, tied a halter around his neck and hitched himself to his wagon. He then scared the horses and made them run. Whisten's young wife had died but a few weeks before

by Mr. Poland, providing that before regis HENRY F. MILLWARD shot himself after tration in Utah and Idaho a voter shall take participating in a mock tragedy at Springan oath that he does not belong to the Church field, Ohio. Some weeks ago Millward, as of the Latter Day Saints. sisted by a bundle of friends, constructed a On motion of Mr. Stewart a resolution was dummy out of a number of towels and piladopted directing the committee on expendilows, and laid it on a bed in the Arcade tures in the department of justice, in mak-

hotel in that city. The room was carefully ing investigation into the expenditures on darkened, and the dummy covered with a account of prosecution of persons charged sheet. A pasteboard head with grotesquely with frauds on the government, and especially in the Star Route mail painted features was attached to the body service, to inquire into the manner in so as to be in plain sight when the sheet should be removed. When all was ready, the which such prosecutions are being conductreport was circulated through the city by ed, and into the conduct, efficiency and good the jokers that a drummer had committed faith of all officials or persons in the pay of suicide at the hotel. The report attracted hundreds of citizens, including the coroner, who were piloted up to the room one by one.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

THE Texas legislature has made fence cutting a felony.

KANSAS last year produced 107,550 pounds of cotton, valued at \$9.6%. SIXTEEN Chinamen who dwell in Worces

er. Mass., attend Grace church. A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD girl is one of the fast-

est type-setters at New Hartford, Conn. A RACE-PONY, thirteen hands high, was who stook Mr. Manning by the arm, led

cussing Mr. McPherson's National Bank Note bill and the proposed amendments to .t. Mr. Plumb argued against the bill. He said the national debt should be paid off as soon as possible, and what was wanted was something to take the place of the bank ciriation as it was withdrawn from time to take the pince of the circulation of the batiks as it is surrendered. Mr. Sherman's amendment, providing that if any of the bonds de-

posited bore interest higher than three per ont, additional notes should be issued equal to one-half the interest in excess of the three er cent. accruing before maturity, was voted down, 42 nays to 7 yeas.

House

The House adopted the report on the new rules after a two days' debate. Mr. Randall reported the naval appropriation bill, and gave notice that it would be called the next Tuesday. It appropriates \$14,263,000, being left alive.

\$8,392,000 less than the amount estimated for, and \$1,631,000 less than the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year Mr. Tillis introduced a bill temporarily providing for the support of common schools. It

provides for an annual appropriation of from \$10,000,000 to \$1,000,000 for the next ten years, the appropriation to be reduced \$1,000,000 each succeeding year....Mr. Bayne wreck of his fortune. introduced a bill repealing all internal taxes

burn, of Kentucky. is forty-six years dd, and is tall, square shouldered and sinewy. His features are handsome, and large, blue-gray eyes look out above a heavy brown mus

GEORGE .- Henry George, who is now fortyfive years of age, began life as a printer. Afterward he became a sailor, then a reporter on the Sacramento Record, next owner of the San Francisco Post, and later he took to lecturing. His wife is a lady of

PIERCE.-Bishop G. F. Pierce, of Georgia, the names of those dropped therefrom on account of disloyalty; by Mr. Bisbee to imthe great Methodist leader of the Bouth, recently celebrated his golden wedding at Sparta. The bishop's father, Rev. Lovio pose duties on cocoanuts, bananas and pineapples; by Mr. Townshend, a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment pro-Pierce, was the great apostle of Georgia viding for the election of President by a Methodism, and for over half a century the majority of the votes of the people and the son has followed vigorously the path set by

WHEELER -An intimate friend of Miss Ella Wheeler, the poetess, now in New Orleans, says that young lady is to be married in early spring to a Mr. Yorke, of this city. She also says that Miss Wheeler is twentysix years old, and with her pen has earned and paid for a lovely little home, in which she resides with her mother and a younger sister whom she educated.

BRADLAJIGH.-Charles Bradlaugh, the infldel member of the British parliament, bas a brother who is actively engaged in evangelical work. The latter disclaims any differences with his brother, except in religious opinions, and though there is no fraternal companionship between them, he says he loves him as much as ever and confidently looks for his conversion to Christianity.

With His Own Weapon.

When Ole Bull visited Lexington, Ky., Mr. Clay wrote him a note regretting his inability to attend his concert. The next day the violinist entered Mr. Clay's house and in a room adjoining the one in which Mr. Clay was seated, played "The Last Rose of Summer." "Ah, that must be Ole Bull!" The doors were thrown open and they embraced. By "The Last Rose of Summer," in fact, it sseems that Ole Bull

the government in connection with such prosecutions, and whether guilty parties have been duly prosecuted.... The House went into committee of the whole on the naval appropriation bill. Milward killed himself in the same room. The Senate bill for the construction of a building for the library of Congress was taken from the Speaker's table and referred

notes

to the committee on the library The House resumed consideration of the contested election case of Chalmers against Manning. A debate ensued, but no action was taken.

the two Houses of Congress; by Mr. Hender-

son, providing for the issue of circulating

for national banking associations:

The House resumed the debate on the Mississippi contested election case of Chalmers against Manning. The monotony of

the proceedings was broken by Mr. Curtin,

PROMINENT, PEOPLE.

VANDERBILA - Careful estimates pace the value of William H. Vanderbilt's outfit when he drives, at \$150,000.

HUNTOON.-Colonel Nathan Huntoon, of Unity, N. H., is the oldest Free Mason in the world, having been initiated in 1803.

PALMER -Ex-Governor John M. Palmer. of Illinois, was in early life a clock peddler. He studied law by the advice of Stephen A. Douglas.

WHITTIER .- John G. Whittier, the poet s about the last of the influential Abolitionists belonging to the Phillips-Garrison era

PACKARD.-Professor Alpheus S. Packard, f Bowdoin college, who is now in his eightyfifth year, says that he has never been ill a day in his life.

VILLARD .- Henry Villard is not a very poor man after all. It is given out that he will manage to save \$1,000,000 from the

BLACKBURN.-Senator-elect J C. S. Blackon domestic tobacco.... Mr. Goff introduced a joint esolution appropriating \$100,000 for the relief of the sufferers by the overflow of the Ohio river and its tributaries.... Mr. Fintache.

Mr. Eaton objected and the resolution went Bills introduced: By Mr. Belford, to facilitate the settlement of private land claims; Irish parentage and Australian birth. by Mr. Oates, restoring to the pension rolls

abolition of the electoral college, and reguthe father as an ecclestastical leader. lating the method of counting the votes by

