

**GENERAL NEWS.**

A telegram from San Joaquin, Cal., states that Prof. J. M. Schaborn telephones from Mt. Hamilton as follows: A bright comet was discovered in constellation Virgo by Mr. B. D. Herrine at the observatory this morning. The comet has a short tail and a stellar nucleus, about the seventh magnitude as seen in morning twilight.

An Annapolis, Md., dispatch of the 7th, reporting the commencement exercises of the Naval academy says: "Cadet R. Z. Johnson of North Carolina was given a gold medal for the highest average at great gun practice. This is the fifth medal Cadet Johnson has received for proficiency." He is a son of Rev. R. Z. Johnson of Lincoln.

The wisdom of the government in printing its own postage stamps is shown by the annual report of Mr. Claude M. Johnson, Chief of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where the work is done. Although the postage stamps have been better printed than ever before the government paid less by between \$50,000 and \$5,000 than it ever before paid for the same amount of work.

How completely Mr. Reed will dominate the Republican majority in the House is shown in the scramble for the other offices of that body. Although a number of candidates have been in the field for sometime they have been able to get very few members to commit themselves; they are all waiting to find out Reed's choice before announcing their own. By the way, speaking of Reed and his method, there is something for those Republicans who have been yelling "Wall street domination" at the Democratic administration and Congress to ponder over in the Republican announcement that Mr. Reed has been consulting Wall street bankers to learn what their wishes were concerning financial legislation.

Capt H. W. Howgate, whose wholesale embezzlement of government money was a national sensation some fifteen years ago, having exhausted all legal quibbles, or his money, will this week be taken to the Albany penitentiary to serve the eight-year sentence imposed upon him by a jury that saw things somewhat differently from the jury which at an earlier date declared him not guilty as charged in the first indictments, and confirmed by a decision of the Court of Appeals against a new trial for him. Notwithstanding Howgate's known guilt, and his known whereabouts during all the thirteen years after he was allowed to escape, justice was slow in overtaking him, and the sentence imposed upon him light when compared with those given ordinary thieves. Had not Secretary Morton ordered his arrest he would still be at liberty, although everybody in Washington appeared to know that he was living in New York.

Wholesale abuse of the franking privilege caused it to be wholly abolished for a long time. Although only existing in a modified form for the last few years there is no doubt of its having been abused. It is known that the Republican campaign committee used it to send out documents that were not frankable during the congressional campaign of last year and the last presidential campaign. But a case has recently come to the knowledge of Secretary Morton which shows that individuals have also been abusing it to their own profit. The case will probably be referred to the Attorney General in order to decide whether any legal wrong has been done. It came to the knowledge of Secretary Morton that a second-hand book dealer was selling government publications and giving congressional franks to those who wished to mail them. An employe of the Department of Agriculture was sent to purchase one of these publications and obtain one of the franks. He easily did so. The frank bears a rubber stamp fac-simile of the signature of ex-Representative Tom L. Johnson, of Ohio, and the book-dealer claims that he came legitimately by them and acknowledges to have used a considerable number of them sending books through the mail for his customers. It has been ascertained that it is a common practice for the clerks of Senators and Representatives to sell government publications to book dealers and to furnish congressional franks for mailing them.

**Chronic Constipation.**

I have been troubled with chronic constipation for a number of years and the medicine which I took did me no good. My food would sour on my stomach. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and now I can eat anything without injury. I regard Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills as the best medicines I have ever taken." H. H. Rhyne, Charlotte, N. C.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills.

**KILLED HIS HANGMAN.**

An Executed Murderer Revives and Has His Revenge.

"Everybody remembers when the great Texas murderer, Dick Masters, was hanged," said E. M. Cary, of Waco, Tex., to a Kansas City Star reporter, "but the strange death of Sheriff Winters, who sprung the trap, has been kept out of the papers. After Masters' body was cut down, the county physician pronouncing the murderer dead, the Sheriff ordered four deputies to carry the body to his private laboratory, where the Sheriff used to pursue his medical experiments alone. He was bound to dissect the powerful, well-developed corpse and went to work.

"The Sheriff moved about briskly, making a great clatter with his instruments. Several times he went to the windows and peered out, but the neighborhood was deserted. He soon discovered that the drop on the scaffold had not broken Masters' neck, and the Sheriff thought that was fortunate, as he always had experimented on the restoration of life whenever opportunity afforded. He laid down his instruments and began to try and restore life. The evening shadows drifted into night. It was a noisy town, and the shouts and laughter of revelers could be heard everywhere. Several times the crowds passing the Sheriff's room thought they heard the sounds of snuffing, and more than once a muffled shout was heard. But the pleasure seekers on the streets passed along without giving a thought to this.

"On the following day Sheriff Winters failed to appear at his office. Nobody had seen him since he locked himself in the laboratory with Masters' body. Finally the Mayor of the town and several Deputy Sheriffs went to the laboratory but rapping at the door nor shouts would bring any answer. Then they broke open the door. The sight before them nearly turned their hair gray. The room was a total wreck. The furniture was strewn about the room, smashed to pieces, and everything bore evidence of a terrible struggle. Sheriff Winters lay on the floor, dead, and the marks about his throat showed that he had been strangled. A few feet away lay the dead body of the murderer, Masters. The faces and the garments of both men bore evidences of a hard fight. The only conclusion that could be arrived at was that Masters had revived, and on regaining consciousness and strength he had attacked the Sheriff and succeeded in killing him before he died himself. All this happened in the jail of Rio Grande county.

Good advice: Never leave home on a journey without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. For sale by O. M. Royster, Druggist.

**PLANS OF THE POPULISTS.**

Senator Allen Thinks They Will Not Help in the Senate Reorganization.

The following is a published statement of U. S. Senator Allen, the leading Populist, when he was in Omaha a few days ago. His statements show for himself. The Populist party it seems however, is dead in the rut and they must congregate and associate with either the Democratic or the Republican parties. It says: Senator Wm. A. Allen, as senior representative in the United States Senate and the recognized leader of the Populists in both houses of Congress, has been in Omaha for two days, previous to going to Washington to be in attendance at the convening of the national legislature.

"It goes without saying," said the Senator to-day, "that the Populist party will have a Presidential ticket in the field, and it will be the only one of the old parties that will be outspoken in favor of the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1.

"As to the re-organization of the Senate, I don't think the Populist Senators will cut the figure that has been predicted for them. I believe the Republicans and Democrats will agree upon a platform of organization that will depend upon Populist assistance. I do not believe the Populists will care to enter into negotiations for a division of the Senate spoils.

"The Populist National Committee will probably meet in January to arrange for the Populist National Convention. I am in correspondence with Chairman Taubeneck to have the meeting to take place in Washington, so that the Populist delegation in Congress may be consulted on the questions to be decided. I am in favor of holding the convention after those of the Republicans and Democrats. The convention will doubtless go to some western city."

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**AN INFURIATED MOB.**

James Goings, Who Assaulted Miss Lillie Jones in Maryland Hanged to a Tree.

Frederick, Md., Nov. 23.—James Goings, who assaulted Miss Lillie Jones at the home of Hamilton Geisbert, near this city last night was taken from the jail by a mob of 300 men this morning and hanged to a tree.

A report reached the city about midnight that the woman had died from the cuts and beating inflicted by the negro and this infuriated the men who had been gathering in the streets and discussing the outrage.

The assault for which Goings suffered death was a cruel and dastardly one. Miss Jones has thirteen cuts and stab wounds on her body where he hacked her with a knife and razor. She says he asked her for something to eat and when she gave it to him he said: "I will give you a dollar." She screamed and ran fifty feet down the garden, where he overtook her, knocking her down and cut her, also crushing her nose.

The field in which the negro was lynched is the spot the negro Biggus was lynched in November 1887.

After watching the body swing in the air a few minutes the crowd left it dangling there and dispersed.

Six weeks ago I suffered with a very severe cold; was almost unable to speak. My friends all advised me to consult a physician. Noticing Chamberlain's Cough Remedy advertised in the St. Paul Volks Zeitung I procured a bottle, and after taking it a short while was entirely well. I now most heartily recommend this remedy to anyone suffering with a cold. WM. KEIL, 678 Selby Ave., St. Paul, Minn. For sale by O. M. Royster, Druggist.

**Will Cost Over \$100,000,000.**

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—A special from Washington, D. C., says: Trustworthy information has been received as to the contents of the report of the Commission which examined into the feasibility and cost and recommended a route for the Nicaraguan canal. The report is in the hands of the President, who is using it in connection with his work on his annual message to Congress. The report indicates that a canal across the isthmus via the Nicaragua route is entirely feasible from an engineering point of view. The cost of the project, as estimated, is \$110,000,000, but it is stated that this sum is too small by some millions.

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**DISAPPEARANCE OF THRONES.**

A Bit of Royal Bric-a-brac Which is Now Seldom Used.

Among the most curious indications of the evolution of democracy in old Europe is the gradual disappearance of the throne—meaning not the institution of monarchy, but the actual, palpable chair of state, preferably of gold embellished with gems and libitum, which we used to hear so much about in fairy tales. The throne, till recently a palpable reality, is today only a symbol. The newspapers tell of a monarch's accession to the throne of his ancestors, of carrying popular complaints to the throne, of speeches from the throne. This throne is said to be firm, that to be tottering, but these are only metaphors.

This is so true that if a man were asked to describe the piece of furniture in question he would be seriously embarrassed in his efforts.

It is true that there are chairs of state—every sovereign has several—that are spoken of as thrones. But they are so only for the moment, while the monarch or his spouse occupies them, whereas the veritable throne, that majestic raised seat made of gold and incrustured with precious stones, seated on which the monarch issued his edicts and rendered justice, the throne of which the very feet were saturated with majesty—this throne has disappeared.

France has amused herself by abolishing and then re-establishing the throne at intervals. But her ally, the czar of all the Russias, has at least a dozen—that is to say, his majesty Nicholas III owns quantities of decorated armchairs that are alternately designated by the name of throne—though no single one can claim the dignity exclusively.

The most expensive of all is probably the chair that belonged to his majesty Ivan the Terrible, which is now at Moscow in the treasure chamber of the Kremlin. This precious piece of furniture is composed entirely of turquoises fitted into each other like the stones of a pavement. The back alone contains 10,000 of these precious stones, which were picked out from the most beautiful specimens known to those times.

What is the British throne? Is it the stone seat of Edward the Confessor at Westminster abbey, which has served for a thousand years as the coronation seat of the sovereigns of Britain? Is it the sumptuous chair of state in the house of lords, or the seat occupied in Buckingham palace, or the gilt armchair on which her Britannic majesty sits at Windsor when she gives audience to foreign envoys?

Certainly no one of her chairs claims the title of throne exclusively. The English give it generally to the stone seat of Westminster abbey, though that is occupied only once by each monarch.

Thanks to the love of Louis, king of Bavaria, for all that is sumptuous, that country possesses more than a dozen chairs wonderfully carved and covered with gold and precious stones. They are distributed among the numerous royal palaces and chateaux that have cost that country such prodigious sums of money.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

**A Different Matter.**

"Miry Saunders is an awful smart gal," said Mrs. Abijah Wilson as she folded her shawl in its regular creases on her return from the High Bridge academy "exercises." "I must say it, if she is my niece, that I consider she has real talent. Her composition was just as smooth as if she'd wrote for the papers all her days. Her ma set there, jest like a pump on a log, an didn't appear to know what was been read. It must 'a' been real disapp'intin' to 'Miry' after the way she's worked over that composition."

"What was the subject of her writin'?" inquired Mr. Wilson.

"It was a graduatin' essay," answered his wife, "an it showed a good deal of thought in a 16-year-old gal, jest finishin' off her schoolin. It was called 'The Stern Duties of Life Upon Which We Are About Enterin.' That was the caption of it, an the idee was well kerried out."

"Well, now it's sing'lar how gals is made, ain't it?" inquired Mr. Wilson. "Now, I sh'd never've expected to hear 'Miry' holdin' forth on jest that subject."

"Why wouldn't you, I'd like to know?" demanded the gifted essayist's aunt.

"Well," said Mr. Wilson, "I some way or 'nother didn't think 'Miry' was jest puppered to tackle that subject. For yist'day afternoon, while I was over to her pa's, 'Miry' she lay in the hammock readin a paper novel, while her ma did up the dinner dishes an all the rest of the work. But then," added Mr. Wilson, "I reckon comp'ositions is one thing, an kerryin out of the idee that's in 'em is another thing." —Youth's Companion.

**Pope Leo at Eighty-five.**

Pope Leo XIII has authorized his physician, Dr. Lappont, to communicate to the medical faculty such information about himself as may be of interest to them. Dr. Lappont says that the pope's health at the present time is perfect, as it has been for nearly the whole of his long life. His eyesight is so good that he can read without glasses. He looks fragile, but is stronger than might be imagined. He needs but little sleep, not more than three or four hours a night. His mind and memory are in the best condition. He is an indefatigable work-worm, attending to the details of his worldwide duties every day of the year.

What Dr. Lappont says about the pope's habits of living is very interesting. He is exceedingly abstemious in his diet—for breakfast, a cup of coffee with bread; for dinner, soup, a modicum of meat and a vegetable, with a small glassful of Bordeaux wine; for supper, soup with bread and the same quantity of wine. For a man 85 years old, or indeed, for an intellectual man at any time of life, there could not be a better dietary. It is pleasant to the taste; it is nourishing; it is wholesome; it is satisfactory; it is good for the mind. His example, in this respect, is well worth copying by Catholics, Protestants, Jews, agnostics, atheists and pagans.—New York Sun.

**Past and Present.**

Serious and Much Married Man—My dear friend, I was astonished to hear of your dining at Mme. Troisetolle's! A woman with a past, you know! The Friend (bachelor "unattached")—Well, you see, old man, she's got a first rate chef, so it isn't her "past," but her "repast," that I care about.—Exchange.

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