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Washington Items.

The Joint Congress Library Committee has decided not to investigate the accounts of Librarian Spofford, against whom charges of irregularities were made a year ago.

Consul-General Frederick C. Penfield at Cairo, Egypt, informed the Marine Hospital Service, through the State Department, that Egypt had been officially declared free of cholera. Not a case had been reported in the ten days prior to the date on which he wrote.

A verdict was given against Prince Your bide in his suit to secure readmission into the Metropolitan Club, in Washington, from which he had been expelled.

The Venezusian Boundary Commission is preparing the vast mass of evidence collect-ed by it for publication.

President Cleveland appointed John Henry Rodgers to be Judge of the District Court for the Western District of Askansas.

The Secretary of the Treasury has dismissed William R. Morley, enginner of the Public Building at Denver, Col., for collecting political assessments from Government suployes in violation of the civil service laws. His case has been nader investigation by the Civil Service Commission.

Julius M. Hurst, a clerk in the office of the Adjutant-General, War Department, was arrested at his desk for the their of a valuable collection of stamps belonging to Mr. Thian, shief clerk. He acknowledged his guilt. Hurst is a German and was appointed under Civil Service rules, from New York, in 1894.

The President appointed Charles C. Nott. of New York, now Judge of the Court of Claims, to be Chief Justice of the Court of Claims, and Charles B. Howry, of Misussippi, now an Assistant Attorney General, to be a Judge of the Court of Claims. Judge Nott was born in Scheneciady, N. Y., in 1827.

Senator Proctor said in Washington that neither Mark Hana nor himself would be in the Cabinet to be aunounced by Major McKinley.

The Compiroller of the Currency has re The Compiroller of the Currency has re-ceived information of the failure of the Dakota National Bank of Sioux Fails, South Dakota. The bank has a capital of \$50,000, and at the time of the last report it had a surplus of \$50,000 and liabilities amounting to \$230,000, exclusive of stock. Bank Ex-aminer Firman has been placed in charge.

Domestic.

The steamboat John E. Moore sank on Romer Sheal. New York Harbor, but in shallow water, so that the 150 persons on board, who took refuge on the top dock, were easily rescued.

A blimard raged in North Dakota. Business was suspended and railroad traffic was at a stendard.

The Brown University football team de-feated the Carlisle Indian School eleven in New York City by the score of 42 to 12. Walter B. Rue, aged sixteen, of Brooklyn, was umpiring a football game when he was caught in a scrimmage and was killed.

Prohibitionists in the town of Alexis, Ill. blew up with dynamite a liquor saloon which was operated without a license.

The Unit of States gunbont Newport was launched at Bath, Me., in the presence of a large crowd. The oldest unmarried great-grand/aughter of Commodore Perry, victor of Lake Eris, Miss La Farge, the daughter of John La Farge, the well known artist of New York City, christened the vessel.

Affred Daniels, alias Frank Williams, churged with burning J. D. Stringerfellow's barn some months since, and who was arrested in Jacksontile, was lynchod about five miles north of Gamesville, Fia., having been taken from the custody of a deputy sheriff.

Professor Witthaus found no knockout drops in the stomach of Frank P. Arbuckle, the Denver mine owner found dead at Highbridge Heights, New York City.

Professor Benjamin Apthorp Gould, the distinguished astronomer, died at his resi-dence in Cambridge, Mass., at the age of seventy-two. He was preparing to leave the house in the evening when he fell down stairs and received injuries from which he died two hours later.

Three men were fatally shot and several others more or less seriously wounded in a drunken riot at Duryea. Duryea is a small mining village near Pittston, Penn. There is a large colony of foreigners there who

work in the mines. G. W. Nelson, leading tenor in the choir at Thanksgiving service at the First Baptis' Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., dropped dead

in the choir. Apoplexy was the cause of his

Henry A. Jones, known as the "Lightning Calculator," died at Southington, Conn., aged sixty-six years. He could add in an instant columns of eight and ten figures as quickly as he could pass his hand over the John S. Rankin, a wealthy timber dealer

of Detroit, Mich., was found dead on Fitz-william Island, Georgia Bay, and it was feared Thomas J. Austin, his companion, The gun trial of the United States battle

ship Oregon was highly successful, according to reports made at San Francisco. By the overturning of a gasoline lamp, an explosion occurred at the residence of F. A. Watker, Minneapolis, Minn. Mrs. Walker, her daughter Mabel, aged thirtoen, and the

domestic, Mary Overland, were probably J. Pierpont Morgan, Kidder, Peabody & Co, and others obtained control of the West End Railroad in Boston with the reported intention of changing it to an elevated

Major McKinley and Garret A. Hobart sent letters to the meeting of the Pennsylvania Peace Society expressing their gratification at the settlement of the Venezuelan dispute.

The Rev. James Miller, of Bloomington, Iil., was mardered, mysteriously, in Decatur,

The Silver Democratic State Committee of Kentucky decided to continue its con test for the electoral vote of the State.

W. J. Bryan visited Deaver, Col., and was seceived with enthusiasm. He spoke several times to large crowds.

J. K. Parks, of Boston, the organizer of the Nail Trust, admitted that the combination had practically been dissolved. Chauncey M. Depew spoks before the Vermont Society of the Sons of the American Revolution in Montpeller, Vt.

The annual Live Stock Show was opened at Madison Square Garden, New York City.

After an absence of thirty years Richard fordan returned to his aged parents at Vine-

A murder and suicide near Mayfield, Ky., is reported. T. B. Baker and his wife separated some time ago, and Mrs. Baker had since instituted suit for divorce in the Graves County Circuit Court. It is supposed this provoted the tragedy. Baker, after killing bis wife instantly turned the pistol upon himself, shooting himself through the heart.

George W. G. Ferris, inventor and builder of the Ferris Wheel, which was exhibited at the Chicago World's Fair, died in Pittsburg,

A dispatch from Manila says that the maish troops under Major Artega bave efeated a body of Philippine insurgents, hose losses and killed in wounded were

Thanksgiving Day was observed by Americans in Berim, Germany, by a grand banquet at the Kaiserhof. Two hundred and thirty guests were present. Embassador Ubi, who presided, made a brief speech. In which he testified to the importance of the parts Gorman-Americans had played in the history of the United States. He then called for three cheers for Emperor William, which were given with hearty good will.

WAR DEPARTMENT WORK.

Secretary Lamont Makes His An-. nual Report.

STATE OF OUR FIGHTING FORCE.

Coast Defenses Being Improved With Great Rapidity---More Artillerists Needed ... Work at West Point is Highly Commended --- New Ideas About National Guard Estimates for the Year

WARRINGTON, D. C. (Special). - Secretary Lamont's report of the operations of the War Department for 1896 shows total expenditures aggregating \$51,803,298, of which \$13,505,068 was for pay of the army, \$1,488,-286 for subsistence, \$3,867,464 for seacons defenses and \$17,844,560 for river and harber improvements.

The unexpended appropriation turned back into the Treasury at the end of last year was \$1,975,033, making, with two previous years, more than \$5,000,000.

Much of the report is devoted to a detailed exhibit of the work accomplished and now under way on the coast defenses. On July 1, 1893, of our modern defense

On July 1, 1893, of our modern defense but one highpower gan was mounted. By July 1 next seventy highpower breech-loading guns and ninety-five breech-loading mortars of modern design will be in position, and by the following July 1 123 gans, 153 mortars. A battery of two or three of these guns takes the place of the former pretentions fort, and is vastly more effective. The subject of coast defenses is elaborately discussed, and the statement is made that the Endicott project, modified by the Engineer Corps, is in a fair way to be carried out, providing batteries and mines that are calculated to protect American ports from any fleet that could assail them.

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Since the adoption of the present coast defense scheme \$26,457,169 has been appropriated, more than one-third of which was provided at the last session of Congress.

The armament of troops with the new magazine arms was completed in May, and the armory is turning out 125 rifles or carriages per day. All the armaunition for small arms now made is supplied with smokeless powder of American manufacture. But little change has occurred in the water levels of the Great Lakes during the past year, and as no water has yet been drawn for use in the Chicago Drainage Canal, no further facts can be given as to the probable effect of abstracting 10,000 cubic feet of water per second from Lake Michigan. The



SECRETARY DANIEL S. LAMONT.

importance of providing reliable data con-cerning the probable effect of this and the opening of connecting channels is urged upon Congress.

The army consists of 25,426 officers and men, or 284 below the legal maximum. The

effective field strongth on October 31 was 23,382. Secretary Lamont calls attention to the

fact that more line officers are now serving with their regiments than at any time since the war. The discipline of the troops was never bet-

The discipline of the troops was never better than now. The trials by general courts-martial decreased fifteen per cent during the year, and never has the health of the troops been so good.

Under the new recruiting system 8488 men were enlisted last year, one-half at garrison posts without expense. Desertion is decreasing. Deser era in 1883 numbered 3578, in 1893 only 1682 and last year 1355.

The excellence in military exercises of the

The excellence in military exercises of the corps of cadels at West Point has never been surpassed, and the corps numbers 322, the largest number ever attending at one time The thirty-five army officers assigned to duty with the National Guard report steady duty with the National Guard report steady improvement. Camps of instruction were held in thirty-one States and in several instances regular troops were encamped with the militie. The National Guard aggregate 111,887 officers and men. To maintain this force the States appropriate \$2,880,000 and the Government \$400,000.

Investigation this year has shown serious deficiencies in the arms and semicons of the

deficiencies in the arms and equipment of the militia. Secretary Lamont recommends that the Springfield rifle, calibre forty-five, be is-sued; that the States be allowed to return to

the War Department obsolete arms.

The 810 Apache prisoners of Geronimo's band at Fort Still have reached a self-sup. porting condition. Secretary Lamont recom-mends that the 35,000 acres they occupy be sequired by the Government, and that they then be placed under control of the Indian

The estimates for the year ending June 30, 1898, for permanent defenses and toeir armament, amount to \$10,482,268, in addition to \$2,500,000 required to meet contracts authorized by the Fortification act of June

Floods in Martinique.

Advices from Fort de France, capital of the island of Martinique, are to the effect that heavy rains throughout the island have caused all the streams to overflow their banks and immense damage has been done to property. A number of persons in the interior, all of whom are believed to have been Africans, have been drowned.

The Marblehead at Home.

The United States cruiser Marblehead came into the Port of New York from a twenty months' cruise in European waters. Her presence in the Turkish port of Messina led to the release of an American missionary, the Roy. Mr. Knapp.

Dollar Wheat in Sight.

May wheat has the call on the Exchange May wheat has the call on the Exchange at St. Louis, Mo. It started right in to break a record, and by noon had touched \$2500, the highest figure since 1891. Unless prevailing condutions are upset, dollar wheat will soon no longer be a subject of speculation. Cash wheat in the New York market humped a dollar. No. 2 red, the standard grade, "free oa board," got up to \$250 cents a bushel, or one-balf cent above any previous price. The closing quotation was \$250.

A despatch from Bressau says that thirty persons were killed in a colliery explosion at Zengorze, Russian Poland.

GEORGIA'S NEW SENATOR.

Alexander S. Clay Elected to Succeed Gen-

Alexander Stephens Clay, who has just een elected to the United States Senate by the Legislature of Georgia, was a poor boy, the son of a poor farmer. He paid for his education with the money he carned, and by the same process educated himself in the law. On his father's side Mr. Clay is of Scotch descent. His great-grandfather came



from Scotland in the middle of the last cenfrom Scotiand in the middle of the last century and settled in Virginia. His grandfather came to Georgia and lived on a farm in Washington County. His father was a Confederate soldier. Senator-elect Clay was graduated in law in 1876 and has been engaged in the practice of his profession at Marietta ever since. He has always been an active Democrat and has been prominent in Georgia politics for many years. In 1884 Mr. Clay was elected to the Legislature and his ability was at once recognized. In 1888 his ability was at once recognized. In 1888 he was unanimously Speaker of the lower House. Mr. Clay is a free trader and a sil-

CLEVELAND'S NEW HOME.

The President Buys a Colonial Mausion in Princeton, N. J.

President Cleveland has decided to make Princeton, N. J., his permanent home after March 4, 1997. Professor West returned to Princeton from Washington, D. C., and authorized the following statement for pub-

authorized the following statement for publication:

"President Cleveland has purchased the re-idence of Mrs. Siddell, on Bayard avenue, Princeton, and will make Princeton his permanent home soon after the expiration of his term as President. Negotiations looking to this end have been in progress about three weeks and were consummated to-day by the purchase of the property.

"A number of reasons have attracted President and Mrs. Cleveland to Princeton. The President's father was educated for the Presbyterian ministry there. The quiet and independent home life of the place, its healthfulness, its convenience to New York, the attractions of a university society, as well as

tractions of a university society, as well as other reasons, have been influential in forming this decision."

The Sideli mansion, purchased by President Gleveiand, is considered to be the floest place of residence in Princeton. The house is a two-c; some building, in old colonial type. There are store on three sides, with

is a two-? ____stone building, in old colonial style. There are steps on three sides, with five piliars in front. The building is forty-seven feet square, and there are five windows in front. A beautiful drive reaches around two sides of the house. The whole property consists of five acres, and the vard is shalled by pine and maple trees. It is rumored \$50,000 was the price paid. The taxes and collect are alread even the news. town and college are elated over the news.

WEYLER AGAIN A-FIELD.

In Personal Command of 35,000 Men He Starts After Macon.

HAVANA, Cuba. (By Cable), -Onptain-General Weyler left on the gunboat Legazpi t midnight for Mariel to resume personal command of the military operations in Pinar del Rio Province.

General Caluxto Ruiz, Chief of Cavalry; Dr. Justo Martinez, of the hospital corps, and various staff officers and adjutants left

and various staff officers and adjutable left by rail for Artemisa to join General Weyler, with his 35,000 men, in the field.

Indications point to an active resumption of operations and the continued crude persecution of the robels. More Havana volunteers have been ordered into active service for Pinar del Rio, and are leaving Havana daily by rail for Artemisa.

The military hospital reports show 10,855 Spanish soldiers ill in Havana alone. The wounded are not included. Fourteen officers

opanish solders ill in Havana alone. The wounded are not included. Fourteen officers and 483 privates, all sick, arrived by rail from Cayajabos and Artemisa. The trans-port Bolivar arrived from Bahia, Honda and other ports on the Pinar del Rio north coast with eight officers and 240 privates ill.

SHAVED MEN FOR A LIVING.

Susan Ashley, Once a Rich Woman, Burled at Westfield, Mass.

Susan Ashley was buried at Westfield, Mass., a few days ago, so quietly that few people knew about the plain little funeral. Yet when she was born there, forty year ago the news had been sent out that a daughter had been born to the Ashleys, one of the richest and most influential families in Mass-achusetts. Her mother died, leaving her \$5,000,000.

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She married J. C. White, once United States Minister to Brazii, and spent the honeymoon in Europe, living in luxury and being presented to the Queen. Then husband and wife became estranged and separated, she resuming her maiden name and going to Chicago with her daughter. Her forture was swept away by bad investments, and to make a living the ex-society leader opened a shop on Madison street and hung out the sign, "Lady Barber." It was a successful enterprise, although Miss Ashley's relatives were properly scandalized. Her darchter Fforence still carries on the business and shaves all comers.

Campanini, the Tenor, Dead.

shaves all comers.

Italo Campanini, the tenor singer, who was well known in the United, States, died near Parma, Italy, a few days ago. He was born at Parma in 1846.

A woman in Bichmond, Mo., held a mob at bay which was bent on lynching two men confined in a jail on the charge of murder. The woman was the Sheriff's wife.

Strange Weather Conditions. Blizzards were reported in Minnesota, the two Dakotas, Oregon and Maultoba. In Mississippl, Texas and Kentucky destructive wind storms were preceded by almost summer warmth. Kansas had a modified blig-nard. At the same time, in New York City summer-like weather pravailed. November 27 was the hottest of that date on record, the top point registered being 71.

The Competitor filibusters were quietly tried by court-martial in Havana, Cubs, in spite of official protests from the United States.

BLENHEIM CASTLE FETES

The Marlboroughs Entertain the Prince and Princess of Wales.

BRILLIANT PROGRAM ARRANGED.

The Young American Duchess Honored by the British Royal Family---Blenheim and the Village of Woodstock Were Beautifully Decorated to Grace the Prince's Visit---Other Titled Guests.

BLENSEIM, England. (By Cable),-The Prince and Princess of Wales and the dirtignulahed guests invited by the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough (formerly Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, of New York,) to meet their Royal Highnesses are now assembled at Blenheim Palace. It is twenty-one years since the heir apparent to the British throne has visited the historical palace of the Marlboroughs. At that time the head of the house was John Winstone Churchill, grandfather of the present Duke.



DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH.

The Prince and Princess of Wales left Paddington Station, London, during the after-noon for Woodstock to pay a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Mariborough at Bienheim and Duchess of Mariborough at Blenheim Palace. Their Royal Highnesses w.re accompanied by their daughters, Princess Victoria of Wales and Princes Mand of Denmark, and Prince Charles of Denmark, husband of Princess Mand.

The town of Woodstock was beautifully decorated with flags, banners, triumphal arches, etc., in their honor, and the Grand avenue in Blochelm Park was lighted by electricity.

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The program for the entertainment of the royal guests is a brilliant one. The Prince and Princess of Wales and the other

Prince and Princess of Wales and the other guests will remain a week, during which time there will be a succession of fetes, torchlight processions, etc. In addition to this the Prince will make shooting excursions into the Bienhelm game preserves daily.

Owing to the recent death in New York of Mrs. W. H. Vanderblit, grandmother of the Duchess of Mariborough, the annual county ball will be abandoned, but public celebrations will continue throughout the week, including a grand reception given by the Duchess of Mariborough, at which most of the leading aristocrats will assemble. the leading aristocrats will assemble.



PRINCE OF WALES

The Prince of Wales's special train, with the royal visitors, was met by the Duke of Marlborough, who was waiting it at the stamantorough, who was waiting it at the sta-tion. A large crowd of people assembled outside. The royal party were greeted with cheers as they made their way to the car-riages in which they were driven to Blenhelm Paince. The carriages were escorted by the mayor and the town council on foot, and the Woodstock fire brigade acted as a guard of Woodstock fire brigade acted as a guard of honor, marching behind the carriages to the gates of Benheim Park. The Prince and Princess of wales were enthusiastically cheered by the people who lined the roadway. Among the guests, other than those of the royal party, are Lady Randolph Churchill and Mr. and Mrs. George N. Curgon.

'A tomas Carry and "Hoppy" Hopkins were locked in jail at Mena, Ark., charged with disordely conduct, and shortly afterwards the jail was discovered to be on fire and before Carey and Hoppy Sould be rescued they were burned to death. It is believed they set fire to the jail, hoping to escape.

Southern Express Officers. At Savannah, Ga., The Southern Express company held its annual meeting last week and the following officers were elected: H. B. Piant, president; M. F. Plant, vice president; M. J. O'Brien, vice president and general manager; George H. Tilley, secretary and treasurer.

A Great Lock.

A German has, it is said, invented a safe that on its look being tampered with, throws open its doors, senses and drags and looks in the burgiar, and handouffs and holds him in readiness to be conducted to the polices court in the morning. A man in Manchester is going to improve upon this, and is experimenting upon an automation that will fix the burgiar across its knee, and amuse him with a stick until the police arrive.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Japan has 2570 miles of railway. Montana leads in wool growing. California is raising Japanese hemp. Pennsylvania contains 14,111 saloons. New Yorkers pay \$30,000,000 a year for

Rich oil fields have been discovered in the

Horses in San Diego County, California, offered at \$5 apiece, go begging for buyers. Over 200 stands of arms have been taken from trespassers in Yosemite Park during 1896.

Twenty-three orders for new steamers were lately received at Glasgow, Scotland, in one

During the last ten years Yale has scored

During the first nine months of 1896 586.-612 onness of gold were mined in Victoria, Australia.

The Supervising Special Agent of the Treasury reports a large decrease in optum smuggling. In Victoria the Women's Suffrage bill has passe; by a large majority, and also the "One Man One Vote bill,"

N'ariy 500 new men have been added dur-ing 1800 to the New York police force, and 185 more are to be appointed.

Three thousand freight cars will be fitted with automatic couplers during 1897 to meet the requirements of the Interstate Com-

Sugar beets have thrived so this season near Grand Island, Neb., that farmers have cleared on their crops twice the amount needed to pay for the land on which they

were grown. John R. Gentry, the fastest harness race horse in the world, will in New York for \$19,200 to Lewis J. Tewksbury, owner of the edecarated pacer. Robert J. Gentry's record is 2,00%.

During October there were shipped from Northern and Eastern Maine 11 bears, 1 1953, 1953 cert, 79 moose and 57 carbon, which is about 400 more deer than in October, 1895, and a large increase in moose

and earmout. "Willio" Hare, aged seventeen, who cut the threat of Mrs. Emma Braddock, his em-ployer's whe, at Coveda I, July 3, was con-victed at Cin inputi of first-degree murder, and will be the first victim of the electric chair in Chic

Animal Life.

Humboldt estimates that the number of animals of the mammalia kind (those that suckle their young) is about 500; of birds, 4,000; of insects, 44,000; of reptiles, 700; or in all about 50,000, To Europe belong eighty of the mammalia, 400 birds and thiry reptiles. In the southern hemisphere, more particularly in South America and Africa, birds are five times more numerous than the mammalia. In all countries it has been noticed that birds and reptiles increase in number toward the equator.

"Hannah, what are you standing there staring at me for? Didn't I tell you I was not to be interrupted unless the house was on fire?" "Well, mum, that's it. It do be burning this half hour."-Indianapolis Journal.

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