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Marriage notices, death notices and funeral notices are published in this paper free of charge.

The new House of Commons in Japan is to be composed of 300 members, and the right of suffrage is to be exercised by all men 25 years old who pay an annual tax of \$25. These requirements are more exacting than those heretofore fixed for electors who are entitled to vote for members of the city and prefectural assemblies that determine the local tax rates. In the case of those electors the voting age has been 20 years and the land tax limit about \$5. There were nearly 1,700,000 such voters in 1884. By the terms of the new Constitution there will also be established a House of Peers under conditions that will permit it to be controlled by the Mikado, for while some members are to be elected, those remaining, and probably a majority, are either to be nominated by the Mikado or to obtain seats by inheritance. It could not have been expected that the present ruler and his immediate supporters would turn over the whole thing to the people at one stroke. The change will be sufficiently abrupt under the conditions marked out, and it is probable that the privileges conferred will be all that the people are prepared to use intelligently. But from every point of view it is a very remarkable undertaking, and the experience of Japan under the operation of this Constitution will be studied with deep interest by all civilized nations.

An unpleasant story of the perse cution of two American physicians at Panama, has come to light at Albany, New York, through a letter received from one of them, Dr. Charles H. Utter, of Albany; the other, Dr. H. J. Purdy, of Seneca Falls, having died from yellow fever contracted in prison on the Isthmus. Dr. Utter's statement is, in brief, that a man having died at Panama, soon after taking some medicine prescribed for him by Dr. Purdy, both Dr. Purdy and himself were arrested and imprisoned on the charge of poisoning their patient, although they established their innocence by drinking, in the presence of the alcalde, r. portion of the medicine they had prescribed. The contents of the stomach of the dead man were also analyzed, and yielded no evidence four months longer, however; and staunch friends, because the wonderwas finally discharged without trial. The friends of the two men complain that the facts in regard to their treatment were misrepresented to the State department by the consul general at Panama.

.The Presbyterian church of Southampton, L. I., is without a pastor. The Rev. W. N. Cleveland, brother of President Cleveland, preached in the church one Sunday recently. It is said the sermon pleased the congregation, and that he was looked upon as their future pastor.' When the congregation took a vote on the question on Wednesday night the result was totally different from what was expected. Mr. Cleveland was rejected by a vote of 50 to 30. The Democrats in the congregation say the vote indicates that Mr. Cleveland was rejected by the Republican members. Other members assert that politics had nothing to do with the question. They wanted a younger on than Mr. Cleveland.

The story that Gen. Boulanger is to marry an American lady is denied by both parties. Gen. Boulanger has no recoffection of ever having sees Mrs. Lucas, and he says be in ife certain that he has never enter ned a thought of marrying her.

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People who have thought that 'Robert Elsmere' was not an attack upon Christianity and was innocent reading, will probably be surprised to read the following in a special cable to the Washington Star:

"Mrs. Ward has received 2,000 pounds from the sale of 'Robert Elsmere.' She plumes herself that she has given the heaviest blow to Christianity it has received in this

The Wilmington Star remarks The Devil and Bob Ingersoll enjoy the work of the English woman. But Christianity will live when the Devil has got all the scoffers. It has withstood the assaults of far greater intellects and armed with far greater learning than Mrs. Ward can boast of.

The President in vetoing a bill granting a pension to Charles J. Esty says: "A bill in precisely the same words as the bill herewith returned was approved on July 8, 1886, and under its provisions the beneficiary is now upon the pension rolls. It is supposed that the bill now under consideration was passed by the Congress in ignorance of the previous statute. A duplication of the act would manifestly be entirely

Losses by Fire.

The losses by fire in the United States are enormous, and on the increase. For instance, in 1859, the fire risks were \$1,500,000,000. In 1887, they were \$12,250,000,000, and the losses by fire range from \$100,000,000 to \$130,000,000 annually. The cost of keeping up fire com-

panies is about \$25,000,000 yearly, and the cost of fire insurance companies is \$65,000,000. Total from \$180,000 000 to \$200,000,000. Read this, which we take from the Philadelphia Record :

'In the year 1866, there were burned within the timits of the United States 45 hospitals, asylums, almshouses and jails, 120 college buildings and libraries, 146 churches, 52 theatres and opera houses, and 515 hotels."

All Were Successful. Raleigh News and Observer.

The examinations of applicants for license to practice pharmacy were completed yesterday. The examinations resulted successfully for all the six applicants who stood them. The Board of Pharmacy consisted of E. M. Nadal, Wilson; H. R. Korne, of Fayetteville; Wm. Simpson, of Raleigh. The members of the board inform us that all the applicant stood most creditable examinations. following were the young gentlemen who were awarded license: Rarnes, of Milton; Frank Meares, of Wilmington; W. M. Yearly, of Durham; Ino. L. Wooten, of Warsaw; Wm. O. Mitchell, of Stem; Jno. B. Fariss, of Greensboro.

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