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DEATH ENDED THE MESSAGE. A Corporal Killed at Peekskill (N. Y.

Camp While Writing a Love Letter. For the first time in the history of the New York Militia State Camp at Peekskill the flag is flying at half mast for the death of a man in the camp. Corporal James J. McDonnell of Company A, Twenty-second Regiment, New York City, was killed by a stroke of lightning, and this unprecedented mark of mourning is in his honor. He was sitting in the tent of the Y. M. C. A., which faces the parade ground, shortly after 2 o'clock, p. m. There had been a slight shower a few minutes before, the sky had cleared, and although there were clouds about Dunderberg which indicated that another shower might be expected, the sun was then shining brightly over the encamp-

Corporal McDonnell was seated at a table which is stretched across the floor of the tent, writing a letter. Near him were about afteen other men, some seated at the table writing and others scattered about the forward part of the tent. McDonnell was the d man from the right side of the tent. The sides were up, and the nearest object to him outside the tent was an apple tree about six feet from his chair.

As the sun broke fully over the encampent and the last traces of the previous chower disappeared, a loud clap of thun-der was heard. A tree about a hundred yards from the tent was struck. The lightvards from the tent was struck. The light-ning traveled toward the tent, striking three trees before it settled on the apple tree near which Corporal McDonnell sat. Then it tore up the few feet of ground be-tween the tree and the floor of the tent, struck a board in the floor, tearing and splintering it in a half dozen places as it traveled across the twenty feet of the tent's or. There it struck a colored man seated in a chair with such force that he was thrown several feet.

Every man at the table felt the shock to

Livery man at the table left the shock to some extent, and it is believed that Corporal McDonnell was instantly killed. He was never conscious after the sound of the hunder was heard. Even the men seated larthest from the table felt stunned and inseed by the shock, and the first of these recovers himself was Secretary Shaffield. to recover himself was Secretary Sheffield, who is in charge of the Y. M. C. A. tent. out on to the parade ground He rushed out on to the parade ground and called for help. Some boys playing ball ran for the ambulance, and before it arrived several physicians were in the tent. The men who had recovered began to work over their comrades, and by time the amse who had not recovered. But nine in were sent to the hospital, although only in needed the services of the hospital's nce. All of the men were discharged

rom the hospital.

The dead man was engaged to be maried on Sunday next and he had just finished letter to his betrothed, who lives in New when the bolt struck him. He had d his name, had added, "Yours till " and was adding the words, "State " He had written the first word and np." He had written the lits was first three letters of the second. It was ar finishing the letter "m" that his pen

NEW YORK'S COLLECTOR.

Bidwell, the New Appointee, Takes the Oath.

orge R. Bidwell took the oath of office s Collector of the Port of New York and



went to Washington to file a bond of

COAL TRUST WINS. ustice Chester Says the Lexow Laws Are Unconstitutional.

Justice Alden Chester vacated at Albany, I. Y., the orders granted by himself last lune compelling the Presidents of the coalarrying roads to appear before a referee and testify as to an illegal combination to estrict the production and increase the trice of coal. Justice Chester decides that everal provisions of the Lexow anti-trust awa are unconstitutional.

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He holds that the clause directing Judges of the Supreme Court to aid the Attorneyleneral in extracting testimony from witlesses to be used in prosecuting the trusts
access legislative authority in that it enarges the jurisdiction of the Judges and
toniounds two distinct departments of the
dovernment—the executive and judicial.

The promise of immunity to witnesses
untice Chester pronounces worthless in

et and unconstitutional, as it supplants to elemental principal of law that a wit-

An appeal will be taken at once by the ittoricy-General from the decision by the ippellate Division of the Supreme Court.

PHILADELPHIA MINT REPORT. iggregate Value of Last Year's Coinage Was \$50,000,000.

The annual report of Superintendent Cretz, of the Philadelphia Mint, shows the solnage in round numbers for the year of 7,500,000 pieces, of the aggregate value of 7,500,000 pieces, of the aggregate value of 150,000,000. Of this \$40,000,000 was in gold aleces, \$8,500,000 in silver and the balance neckels and cents. There were more inividual depositors at the mint during the cent than at any time since the California rold fever, when there was but one mint in the United States.

The allowable losses attending the operation in the refining department for the cent would be about \$87,000, but the actual resear would be about \$87,000, but the actual resears was only \$10,000 on the gold. The al-

oss was only \$10,000 on the gold. The alowable loss on the silver would be \$24,330. out instead of a loss an apparent gain of 12388 was made. In the coiner's depart-ment the allowable loss and waste on the would be \$2190; the actual waste was mly \$119. On the silver the legal allowwould be \$15,340, but the actual loss

"Be your own judge, Chumley, but can you show me one thing about Miss Richly that makes her attractive?" "No, it's in the bank."-Detroit Free

THE COUNTY RECORD DIED IN RUSHING WATERS.

Two Reservoirs Near Fishkill, N. Y., Burst With Terrible Effect.

WAS A MINIATURE JOHNSTOWN.

The Mountain Dams Gave Way and 12,-000,000 Gallons of Water Descended Upon a Hamlet-Houses Swept Away and Smashed to Kindling Wood-Fatalities Caused by the Torrent.

MATTEAWAN, N. Y. (Special) .- Surcharged by the recent heavy rains the twin Melzingah reservoirs, situated in the first range of the Fishkill Mountains, a mile east of Fishkill, burst at 2 a. m. Wednesday. The torrent swept through a narrow ravine, following the course of Melzingah Creek, and burst with all its fury over a little settlement about Timony's brick yards on the banks of the Hudson River, about a mile away and 500 feet below the level of the broken dams. Seven persons were drowned. The road bed of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad blocked the debris until the pressure of the water became too great. Then 1700 feet of the tracks were washed away, blockading trains. The reservoirs belonged to the Fishkill and Matteawan Water Company. They were old-fashioned and apparently carelessly built. The damage is estimated

The dead are: Mrs. John Conroy, twentynine years old, wife of the engineer of Timony's brickyard; body recovered. Julia Conroy, five years old, daughter of the engineer. John Conroy, eighteen months old, son of the engineer. Philomena De Lucca, six years old, daughter of Lorenzo De Lucca, laborer in Timony's brickyard; body recovered. Mrs. Annie Ferry, cook in P. H. Murphy's boarding house, thirty-five years old; body recovered. Willie Ferr about ten years old, son of Mrs. Annie Ferry; body recovered. John Zinka, laborer in the brickyard, married,

wife and one child; body recovered.

The disaster was almost a counterpart of the Johnstown flood, though, happily, on a much smaller scale. The dams that gave way were at the head of a long, narrow, rocky gorge. They were both built cheaply and improperly. The upper dam gave way before a tremendous volume of water, which even flooded the second dam and caused an alarming rise of water in the village, which stood at the foot of the valley. As this receded the inhabitants were

thrown off their guard, and when the second dam fell out and 12,000,000 gallons of water came rushing down the defile many of them were caught as they fled toward higher

The children who lost their lines were drowned. The men and women who per-ished were first stunned by the rocks and imber borne along by the flood and swept

Just as the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge at Johnstown dammed up the flood and at Johnstown dammed up the flood and added to the destruction, so did the high embankment of the New York Central Rall-road hold back the wall in the village, where it swirled around, an angry, sullen pool, until at one time it seemed as though the refugees who had sought safety on the high railroad siding in the nearby brick-rard would be drowned while they prayed for help. Then the railroad embankment gave way and the flood passed out into the Hudson River, leaving two acres where the houses had been a desolated space, covered with wreckage that entombed seven human helioge. for help. Then the railroad embankment

human beings.
So, too, does the disaster in its aftermath resemble the Johnstown flood. There is the same utter desolation of families that have lost their loved ones and all their worldly goods. There is the same public resentment toward the water company that resentment toward the water company that inflamed the public mind against the South Fork Fishing and Gunning Club. The dam caused the loss of life, and the public naturally looks to the dam in trying to find some one to blame.

But the coincidence between the great Johnstown disaster and this smaller one at Timony's does not end here. Figuring In the calamity at Timony's were John Conroy, the engineer of the brickyard, and his family of a wife and three children. Conroy was one of the survivors at Johnstown. So was his wife. She was rescued from the Johnstown flood, while her relatives perished. From Conroy married her, and they moved away from that place of horrid recollections. In this last flood Mrs. Conroy and wo of her children were drowned, and John

Conroy's arm was broken.

There were two reservoirs in the mountain, the lower one half a mile distant from the other. The upper dam gave way, let-sing the volume of water into the lower reservoir. This also burst, and the water rushed down through a ravine.

The flood was pent up in the narrow con-ines and gathered resistless force before it nurled itself upon the plain below, carrying leath and destruction in its path. houses there were in its path were picked up bodily from their foundations and either iashed to pieces or whirled along in the orrents like chips on an angry sea.

It demolished the brick works utterly.

Not a vestige of the extensive building was left. It carried away a big bridge across the roadway and flung it in pieces into the river. It tore away a hole in the railroad racks 100 yards wide. It hurled one of the orkmen's big boarding houses bodily into the Hudson.

The people had been awakened by the roar of the torrent rattling down the ra-

rine, and realizing intuitively what it meant, rushed from their beds for safety. There was no time to lose in dressing or saving valuables, for the flood was coming with more than a race horse's speed.

Some of them got to the higher ground in safety. Many did not. One family, Perry by name, in their wild flight left their baby behind. Most of the killed were in the workmen's boarding houses.

The immediate cause of the disaster was

the very heavy rainfall for the twenty-our hours preceding the breaking of the fams. The alleged weak condition of the dams has been publicly proclaimed several times, but the officials of the water company that owned them declared hat they were quite strong. Civil Engineer fohn Robertson, who lives near them and saw them while building, says they were rery flimsy. What is left of them now ooks pitiably weak. There will be an oficial investigation.

Trying to Stop Emigration South.

The action of the Michigan Passenger Railroad Association declining to give rates to the South to home seekers has caused nuch complaint. Emigation seems to be setting in that direction, and it is desirable that cheap transportation be secured.

Diplomatic Appointments.

The President sent the following nominaions to the Senate: State: William L. Merry, of California, to be Minister to Nicaragua, sta Rica and Salvador. Horace N. Allen f Ohio, to be Minister Resident and Consul-General to Korea. Perry M. De Leon, of Seorgia, to be Consul-General at Guaya-puil, Ecuador, Granville James, of New tork, to be Consul-General at Prescot, Onario. Charles Deal, of New York, to be Consul-General at St. John's, Quebec.

Artificial Ice is Made in Alaska. Artificial ice is made even in Juneau, Alaska, during the summer.

VICHOLAS C. CREEDE A SUICIDE. colorado Mine Owner Kills Himself With Morphine.

News has been received of the suicide of Sicholas C. Creede, the famous Indian scout and millionaire mine owner, from whom the town of Creede, Col., took its name. Creede, according to the report, tilled himself with morphine at his home in Los Angeles, Cal. The reason for the act is said to be trouble with his wife.

They separated last winter without legal according \$20,000 and

They separated last winter without legal process, Mrs. Creede accepting \$20,000 and leaving her husband's home. She returned a few weeks ago, it is said, and insisted upon a reconciliation. This is declared to have worried Creede so much that he determined to commit suicide. He was found dwing by his servants in his carden having dying by his servants in his garden, having

taken a large quantity of morphine.

Creede was born in Indiana in 1843, and was taken by his parents to Iowa when he was a child. He went into the Government service as an attache of the Quartermaster's Department when he was twenty years old, and soon afterward became a Government

He was a daring scout and had many stirring adventures in the Indian wars, being promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant in the regular army. He turned prospector when there was no more fight-ing to do and worked for eight years in the Black Hills hunting for gold before he

made a strike.

Then he found the Bonanza mine, which yielded rich returns in a short time. It was in silver, however, that Creede made his fortune. While prospecting in Colorado he struck the Holy Moses mine, which, with other silver mines, rapidly made him a many times a millionaire.

DIED ON A GLACIER.

Three Mail Carriers Frozen to Death in Alaska.

A letter just received from Alaska brings particulars of the death of three men, Blackstone, Betticher and Mollique, who were frozen to death while endeavoring to carry mail from Sun Rise City across the glacier to Prince William Sound. The letter came from Charles Willoughby, who found Blackstone dead on the beach, lying in blankets and frozen to death. The unfortunate fellow had eaten part of his faith ful dog before succumbing.

The bodies of Betticher and Mollique were found some distance away on top the glacier where both had perished. It has been demonstrated that horses cannot endure the rigors of the climate and a large number of mules will be brought in next season for use in pack trains.

BRITISH FIGHT IN CRETE. Sixteen Men and a Number of Bashi

Bassaks Killed.
Official displaces have been received announcing that a serious conflict has taken place at Candia between a force of British troops and a party of Bashi Bazouk, arising from the British intervening in a skirmish between the Bashi Bazouks and Christians. Sixteen of the British force

and a number of the Bashi Bazouks were killed. The Admirals of the foreign fleets have sent five warships to Candia to suppress any further Mohammedan move ment. On account of excesses by Bash Bazouks 300 British marines were landed at Candia to replace the Italian garrison stationed there.

FREED BY A WOMAN'S TONGUE. Her Silence Kept an Innocent Man in Prison Twelve Years.

William W. Kennedy, convicted of murdering David Baker at John A. Logan's meeting at Greensburg, Ind., in 1884 and sentenced to life imprisonment, has been pardoned.

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Mrs. Newton Campbell, of Indianapolis, the only living witness of the shooting of Baker, recently satisfied Governor Mount of Kennedy's innocence. She had kept sient to avoid publicity by advice of both her first and present husband.

A REAL TRAGEDY ON THE STAGE. An Amateur Actor Accidentally Sh His Supposed Rival Dead.

In a play presented by colored amateurs in Pittsburg, a suburb of Atlanta, Ga., John Singleton acted a part in which he was supposed to be shot dead by his rival, impersonated by Gary Brown. The seene was carried out faithfully and aroused loud applause, which was turned into lamentation when it was discovered that Singleton was really dead. The pistol Brown used, which was supposed to be loaded with blank cartridges, carried a real bullet.

Great Crops in the Far Southwest.

The rainfall in Western Texas. New Mexico and Arizona this season is greater than ever known. There has been an abundance of grass and water, and range cattle and sheep are in fine condition. Lambs are be-ing shipped in train load lots of doubledeck cars to the feeding grounds of Colorado and Nebraska, to be sold in the Eastern markets next year. The irrigated crops are good and the yield of peaches, pears and grapes is larger than ever.

Women in Overalls, With No Skirts.

The Police Department of Kansas City Kan., set women prisoners at breaking stone, the same as the male prisoners. The Police Commissioners adopted this rule on the recommendation of Chief Quarles, who the recommendation of Chief Quaries, who argued that women prisoners kept in idleness were not sufficiently punished. The women wear coarse overalls, and have no skirts to impede their work. This is the first effort of the kind ever made in Kansas.

Censure for Rhodes.

The British Parliamentary South African Committee, which has been conducting an inquiry into the Transvaal raid, has adopted a report severely censuring Cecil Rhodes, F. J. Newton, Colonial Secretary of Bechu-analand, and Sir Graham John Bower, Im-perial Secretary to the British High Com-missioner in South Africa, and exonerating the Colonial Office.

Two Young Women Drowned.

A sailboat carrying five young persons was capsized in the middle of Eagle Lake, Indiana. Two of the occupants of the boat Indiana. Two of the occupants of the coat were drowned. The others were rescued after a severe struggle. The dead are Georgia Coulter, daughter of Professor Coulter, of the University of Chicago, and Bertha Yarnell, daughter of Edward F. Yarnell, of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Small Bills in Demand.

The Treasury Department at Washington received a demand from St. Louis, Mo., for small notes of \$1, \$2 and \$5, to move the crops, the first demand made this season.

Turks Still Cruel.

A report has been received in Paris giving details of the cruelties which are still perpetrated, though clandestinely, by Turks and Kurds upon the Christians in Armenia. The Turks are said to boast of having sworn to exterminate the Christians.

She-Do you think I would marry a man who has no money? He-Well, I didn't know but you wanted to get married. -Detroit Free Press.

BROTHERS LOVED THE WIDOW. the Wedded One and the Other Killed Her and Himself.

For some time William Black has been the tenant of Mrs. Mary Wolf, a wealthy widow living near Morristown, Tenn. Black had a wife and children, but paid attention to the widow. Two months ago Mrs. Wolf married John Black, a younger brother of William, and the latter threatened to kill

At last he entered his brother's house while John was at the barn and asked Mrs. Black: "Are you doing what you promised me not to do?" Before she could answer he shot her dead. He reloaded went to the barn and sent a ball through his head.

NOTED HORSE THIEF KILLED.

John Addison of Texas and Elsewhere Shot by a Texas Sheriff.

John Addison, one of the most famous horse thieves that have operated on the Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory borders in recent years, was killed about 150 miles northwest of Dallas, Texas, by the Sheriff of Willbarger County and posse. Addison had in his possession when killed five horses and two mules stolen in Northern Texas and was hurrying toward Okla-homa. When headed off by the Sheriff's posse he opened fire and put up a hard fight, wounding one of his pursuers. He was shot three times and died before his slayers could get to him.

Lightning Kills Man and Wife.

E. J. Betts and his wife, who lived on a farm five miles from Delhi, N. Y., were killed by lightning. They had been at a neighbor's house and were on their way home, when a shower drove them to take refuge under a tree. There they were killed ntiy. Betts was about forty years old. Two children survive the couple.

Forty Persons Killed.

A terrible railway disaster occurred at Gjentofte, Denmark. An accommodation train was standing at the station when a fast express train dashed into it. Forty persons were killed and sixty injured, more or less seriously.

Americans Killed in Mexico.

The dead bodies of James Bedford and R. S. Colfern, two American mining men, have been found in the mountains east of Catorce, Mexico. The men were on their way to Matchuela, a mining camp, when they were fired upon from ambush.

Tramp Killed in a Wreck.

A meat train on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad ran into eight cars which had left the track near Boone, Iowa. Eight tramps are supposed to have been killed. Several trainmen were injured. The whole train was wrecked.

Turkey Sends an Ultimatum.

Turkey has sent an ultimatum to Persia demanding the withdrawal of her troops from Turkish territory near Kerbela. Russia is believed to be behind Persia, which will disregard the ultimatum.

Big Strike in England.

A lock-out and strike affecting 100,000 engineers begun in England, and the master and men both refused all offers of arbitra-To Tax Chicago Bicycles.

Mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago,

decided to sign the new ordinance imposing a tax of \$1 on each of the 300,000 bicytles in the Windy City.

Rioter Punished.

Joseph Chase, a colored man, one of the leaders in the recent war at Key West, Fla., between the whites and blacks, was arraigned in the Criminal Court on the charge of rioting, The jury found Chase guilty and he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. The whites now have the upper hand in Key West for the first time in twenty years. The colored people apin twenty years. pear to be cowed.

Brothers Killed by Lightning. While on their way from church Samuel and Oscar Mahanes, were struck by lightning and instantly killed near Ivy Creek Church, in Albemarie County, Virginia.

THE LABOR WORLD.

About 4,000,000 people in India are still on

Women load and unload vessels in some of the Japanese ports. In the new gold region at Clondike, Aluska, wages have reached as high as \$15

a day. The Cleveland (Ohio) rolling mill has shut down, throwing 5000 men out of employment.

The wages of tin plate workers has been advanced 8% per cent. This advance applies to 20,000 hands.

About seventy-five per cent. of the coal miners in the Pittsburg district joined the strike for higher wages. Pittsburg manufacturers have received

an order from Melbourne, Australia, for \$2,000,000 worth of steel pipe. Senators in Washington say the increas coul duty in the Tariff bill will not result in higher wages for the miners.

The Grafton Quarry Company, of Alton, Ill., has reduced wages from \$1.50 to \$1.25 a day. The entire force went on strike. In 1894 the sum of \$1,500,000 was given

by 418 English unions to members sick and disabled by accident. Superannuated members received \$700,000. The First Regiment Band of Denver gave a concert at Cripple Creek to empty seats.

Colorado workingmen are boycotting everything that sounds of militarism. The musicians were all union men, at that Owing to the protests of the Typographi cal Union the last Kansas Legislature put a premium on State printing for which no linotypes were used. Accordingly, all type-setting in the State printing office is now done by hand

done by hand. French musicians are becoming alarmed at the increasing number of foreigners (chiefly Belgians and Italians) who find places in the Parisian orchestras. A protective society has been established to
counteract this dreadful evil.

Italy now boasts of 1,800,000 cotton spin-dles, the spinning mills are running night and day, and exports both of yarn and cloth are steadily increasing, the chief markets being the Levant, Tunis, the Balkan States and South America.

A strike has occurred in the yacht-building yards at Southampton, England, and a majority of the workmen there are idle. The dispute upon which it is based originated with certain joinery work, and, it prolonged, will seriously injure the industry, as the builders have a number of important orders, including Charles Day Rose's large cutter and work for Lord Dun-

Women are going ahead in France. The Minister of Fine Arts has submitted to the Chamber of Deputies a proposal to admit women on terms of equality with men to the Beaux Arts, as they are already admitted to the Sorbonne and to the law and medical

IN THE QUIET HOURS.

PRECNANT THOUGHTS FROM THE WORLD'S GREATEST AUTHORS.

The Reassurance-Believe and Be Saved-"The School of God"-"It Is I: Be Not Afraid"-Christ Must Make You-It Is Folly to Brood-Our Greater Work.

Because the bitter winds are out,

And the mellow days of autumn gone-secause the storm-flends run and shout And scrawl red fingers on the dawn,

Should we lose hope, and weeping say, "Our joy is hid 'neath the drift on the

And love was buried yesterday, And the tender mercy of God withdrawn?

Nay, nay, for the very winds that blow Heavy with death will come again With April music, and none will know

That life held ever a tear or a pain. The lilac that sways so naked today, With twistless arms to the sunless sky. Will see the spring coming the same old way.

And shake out her green leaves merrily.

So heart, my heart, though today be drear, And joy be burdened with doubt awhile. Know that God holds you a smile and a tear And tomorrow, perchance, you will see him and smile.

—Theodore Roberts.

Believe and Be Saved. "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and

thou shalt be saved," is the only, and it is a sufficient answer to every anxious sinner seeking refuge from the storm. You must seek for comfort in Christ, or you will seek in vain. But apply to Him, and you canno fail. Say as Peter did when he began to sink, "Save, Lord, or I perish," and He will put forth his hand at once. It is already held out to you. Lay hold of it by faith, and salvation is yours. "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. Look unto me, and be ye saved." You are invited to regard Him not as the Creator, but the Saviour, not as the Judge, but the Advocate; not as the Ruler, but the Mediator. When conscience accuses, hear Him say, "It is I; I who have fully atoned for thy sins; I who have blotted them all out by my blood." When the thought of God alarms, listen to His voice, "It is I; I who have made peace by the fail. Say as Peter did when he It is I; I who have made peace by the voice, "It is I; I who have made peace by the blood of the cross; I, by whom the just God becomes the justifier of the ungodly. When the painful conviction of shortcom ings, after all our striving, overwhelms, again He says. "It is I; I whose white robe will cover all thy filthy rags, I, from whose perfect obedience, and not from thy own unworthiness thou art to look for acceptance with God." When a sense of weakness and inability to cope with the many difficulties and dangers which surround us, depresses the mind, again His voice is heard, "It is I; I who have engaged to perform things thee; I who will never leave thee nor forsake thee.'

"The School of God."

In these days of hurry and bustle we find ourselves face to face with a terrible ger: and it is this—no time to be alone with God. The world, in these last days, is run-ning fast; we live in what is called "the age ning fast; we live in what is called "the age of progress," and "you know we must keep pace with the times." So the world says. But this spirit of the world has not confined itself to the world. It is, alas! to be found among the saints of God. And what is the result? The result is—no time to be alone with God, and this is immediately followed by no inclination to be alone with God....This "desert life," as some may call it, is of an importance that cannot be overvalued. Let us turn to the overvalued. Let us turn to the cannot be overvalued. Let us turn to the pages of God's Book. On scanning its precious pages we find that the men of God—God's mighty men—were those who had been in "the school of God," as it has well been called; and His school was simply this—"In the desert alone with Himself." It was there they got their teaching. Far removed from the din and justle of the haunts of men-distant alike from human eye and ear—there they met alone with God; there they were equipped for the battle. And when the time came for the battle. And when the time came that they stood forth in public service for God, their faces were not ashamed-nay they had faces as lions ; they were bold and fearless, yea, and victorious for God; for the battle had been won already in the desert alone with Him.—London Christian.

"It Is I; Be Not Afraid."

Is it stormy weather with thee? Do cares disappointments, bereavements, as a heavy cloud, deluge thee with sorrow? Do spirit cloud, deluge thee with sorrow? Do spiritual troubles assall thee as a hurricane and drive hither and thither thy harassed soul? Do the winds and the waves beat upon thy frail bark, so that it seems about to sink? "O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest and not comforted," listen to the voice of Jesus, who comes to thee in the storm walking upon the water, and says, "It is I; be not afraid." The design of religion is to make us of good cheer. This world is indeed a vale of tears, but the Man of sorrows deed a vale of tears, but the Man of sorrows has visited it, that we may rejoice. We are surrounded by causes of alarm, but the gospel bids us fear not. And that which alone can enable us to be of good cheer amid sorrows. rows and of good courage amid perils, i believe in Him as always near, always kind always mighty to save, is the true and sole antidote to fear and grief. It is only in proportion as we recognize His voice as that of a friend, saying, "It is I," that we can comply with His exhortation, "Be of good cheer; be not afraid."

Christ Must Make You.

If you are to be anything in the world Christ must make you. You can succeed only by His permission and help. Have you let Him into your life to work and to build up and to transform? You are neighborly up and to transform? You are neighbor with Him; but that will not do. He must allowed to become something more than your neighbor. He must be admitted into your heart. He must be ad-allowed to abide at the very focus of your being and in the work focus of your being and in the very springs of your life. Mere neighborliness would never have made Paul or John. It took personal, enthusiastic faith and love and surrender to make them. That you may reach the goal of make them. That you may reach the goal of life, that you may realize your best possible self, that you may be what Christ can make you, I call upon you to make an absolute surrender of your soul and body and spirit to Christ. Open your whole life to His incoming.—David Gregg, D. D., in "Our Best Moods."

Folly to Brood.

When trouble comes it is folly to sit down and brood over it. No situation was ever improved in that way. Great emergencies call for great strength of spirit and for great activity. The harder the pressure, the activity. The harder the pressure, the more is the reason why you should play the man. If you once give up, and waste in idle repining the energy that ought to be spent in courageous effort, then you might as well die. Your case, let it be as difficult as well die. as it may, is no worse than that of thou sands of others who have, nevertheless, kept sands of others who have, nevertheless, kept a stout heart and won the day. God is simply putting you to the test in order to determine the quality of your manhood. He has no evil designs against you. All that He sends or suffers to come will turn out for your good if you only accept it in the right spirit.—Nashville Christian Advocate.

God sows June fields with clover, and the

world Broadcast with common kindnesses.

Broadeast with common kindnesses.
With plain, good souls that cheerfully fulfill
Their homely duties in the common field
Of daily life, ambitious of no more
Than to supply the needs of friends or kin.
Yet serve God's higher will to human hearts.
—Samuel Longfellow. -Samuel Longfellow.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Washington Items.

The Senate Foreign Relations Commit-tee agreed to report the Hawaiian annexa-

tion treaty. Secretary Sherman accused Lord Salis-bury of bad faith in the Bering Sea matter. The Postoffice Department hereafter will select and appoint the first set of letter carriers, without the advice of the post-masters, at offices which free delivery may

President McKinley revoked the order of President Cleveland, dated February 6, 1897, reducing the number of pension agencies from eighteen to nine.

The Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate has reported a resolution empower-ing the President to take such measures as in his judgment may be necessary to secure the release from Spain of the schooner Competitor and three members of her crow-President McKinley made a large number of nominations, including those of Robert A. Sharkey to be Naval Officer and Thomas Fitchie to be Commissioner of Immigration

at the port of New York. The Controller of the Currency has received a telegram announcing the of the Nebraska National Bank, of York Neb. The bank's capital was \$50,000' and according to its last report it had individual deposits of \$37,000, and owed \$13,000 borrowed money.

Senate and House Tariff bill conferred got in a deadlock over the sugar sche with no agreement in sight, and no pros-pect of an early adjournment of Congress. The official bond of George R. Bidwell as Collector of Customs at the Port of New York has been approved.

The Senate passed the Deficiency Appropriation bill after adopting amendments reducing the price to be paid for armor plate for the three battleships now uncompleted to \$300 per ton and directing the Secretary of the Navy to receive propositions for the establishment of a Government factory.

President McKinley decided not to grant the Senate's request for the correspon-dence between the United States and Great Britain relative to seals in Bering

The warship Bennington is to be sent to replace the Marion at Honolulu, Hawaii. Secretary Long selected Fort Lafayette, New York Harbor, as a naval magazine. President McKinley and other high offi-cials attended the funeral of Isham G. Harris in the Senate Chamber.

Domestic.

RECORD OF THE LEAGUE CLUBS.

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At a snam battle of the Governor of the Atlanta at Pullen Park, Raleigh, N. C., George N. Banks, a member of the Guard who was taking part in the battle, was shot and killed almost instantly. The bullet struck him almost in the middle of the forehead and ranged downward and lodged in the brain. It cannot be ascertained who is reponsible Herman H. Levy and David Uhren, two Broadway merchants, New York City, were

rrested on a charge of arson. Stephen Pastime, of New York, City, was killed by lightning in Jersey City, N. J. In the convention of the National League of Republican Clubs in Detroit, Colonel Leonard J. Crawford, of Kentucky, was elected President. Omaha will be the next

place of meeting. Edward S. Fowler, as referee in the suit of the City of Brooklyn against John Y. McKane, finds that McKane received and failed to account for more than 8400,000 of the money of the town of Gravesend.

While drilling for oil at Whitesville, N. While drilling for our at whitesvine, N. 17., a 250-barrel well was struck at a depth of 350 feet. The tools were blown from the well. The oil is pronounced to be sevenfy-five per cent. pure. The new well is situated near the tracks of the New York and Pennsylvania Railroad. In New England States the storm de-

stroyed much property, delayed railroad traffic, wrecked a fleet of yachts, and re-sulted in the deaths of five persons at various points. Ogden Goelet, the New York millionaire, is reported to have said that he would

rather see his daughter in her grave than wedded to the Duke of Manchester. The failure of Decker, Howell & Co., the well-known brokers, was announced on the Stock Exchange, New York City. The firm held the respect and confidence of the "Street," but was known to be in straits for some time. The suspension was the second the house has made, and it will probably not resume business.

John B. Meixell, the cashier of the South Bethlehem (Penn.) National Bank, who on May 25 absconded, taking with him \$10,000 in cash, was arrested in Hot Springs, Ark. E. P. Wilbur resigned the Presidency of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and Alfred Walter was elected his successor. Two other directors were also elected by

the J. Pierpont Morgan interests. The National Convention of the Republican League was opened successfully in Detroit, Mich.

Public school teachers specially employed by the New York Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor opened ten of the city's grammar schools for poor children, and the attendance was large—175,000. Miss Pauline Richter, a woman of con-

siderable ability as a linguist and teacher, committed suicide in Central Park, New Governor Black dismissed the charges against Police Commissioner Parker, of New York City, and revoked Mayor Strong's

action in removing him from office. The Democrats carried Annapolis, Md. by a small majority, electing Mayor, Coun-cillor and four out of six Aldermen. The city gave McKinley over two hundred ma-

jority last fall. The Christian Endeavor Convention, which closed at San Francisco, Cal., was declared on all hands a complete success. Liabilities of the Worcester (Mass.) Cycle Manufacturing Company foot up \$699,000, with nominal assets of \$505,000. Frank Sullivan Smith was appointed receiver for

the property of the firm. John Haley, a railway employe, was, shot and killed at Youngstown, Ohio, in a passenger train just starting for Cleveland. A stranger entered the coach at the reardoor, shot Haley in the back and then leaped from the train. Haley, who lived at Niles, leaves a family. The police have no clew to the murderer or the motive

Mrs Ann Behan, of Providence, R. I., and her daughter Annie, were adjudged insane. Since a recent visit to Europe, ia which they spent \$40,000 trying to get into high life, the delusion has become fixed in their minds that they are members of the

English nobility. George Van Ness Lothrop, formerly Unf-ed States Minister to Russia, died in Detroit, Mich.

William H. Gates shot and killed his wife at Rochester, N. Y., because she had re-fused to live with him. The murderer was arrested.

Mrs. Arthur B. Payne, of Brookline, Mass., died in the dentist's chair of Dr. R. H. Hemenway, in the Hotel Pelham, Bos-ton. The Medical Examiner, exonerated ton. The Medical Examiner exonerated the dentist, saying that Mrs. Payne should have told him she had heart disease. Six masked men killed 150 head of sheep

with rifle shots on the ranch of Mrs. Kate Welch, near Canyon City, Oregon. The residents of the place threaten vengeance.