

CRISP NEWS ITEMS.

HISTORY IN BRIEF OF THE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS.

Interesting News From All Parts of the Globe—Press Dispatches Shorn of Superfluous Words and Presented in Convenient Form For Readers Whose Time is Limited.

Representative Bingham of Pennsylvania has introduced (by request) a bill for the acquisition of the battlefield at Gettysburg for a national park at a cost of \$600,000.

An ice floe broke adrift on the coast of Ingermanland and carried off 300 fishermen, with their wives and children, who were on the ice at the time of the accident. Food, clothes and fuel are being sent to them, and their rescue is probable.

Senator Markley, the candidate of the Pennsylvania Democracy for congress at-large, has withdrawn from the contest and the Pennsylvania Democracy's candidate for magistrate in Philadelphia, Alexander Diamond, has also withdrawn.

After a stormy session the Transmississippi congress passed resolutions in favor of absolute control and ownership by the government of the Nicaragua canal.

William Leonard, who murdered Jesse T. Anderson at Lime Kiln, Md., on Sept. 5 last, was hanged in the jail yard. The execution passed smoothly and without a flaw.

Thomas W. Barnes, the pioneer manufacturer of fire proof and burglar proof safes, is lying in a critical condition at his home in Pittsburg. He fell down stairs, nearly fracturing his skull.

G. E. Jacques of Montreal and A. B. MacKey of Hamilton, Ont., are in Toledo with a view to establishment of a steamship line between Toledo and Montreal.

The Democratic members of the Rhode Island legislature in caucus decided to invoke federal aid to oust Governor Brown.

Diligent search in the various parts of Detroit has not disclosed any person who ever heard of Bourdin, the French anarchist, who was killed by his own bomb in London, and who the London police claim formerly lived there.

The funeral of Frank Byrne, the famous "No. 1" of the Land League conspiracy, was the largest that has been held in Providence, R. I., for many years.

Mrs. C. S. Parker was arrested at New York on complaint of her nephew, Charles E. King, who accuses her of lashing him with a horsewhip. She says he broke a tombstone she had erected over his mother's grave.

Henry O. Havemeyer, the New York sugar millionaire, while sleighriding on the boulevard with his wife, was run into by a runaway horse. Mrs. Havemeyer was stunned and cut.

Azitation against the padrone system has increased in New York among Italians and offers were made to secure for laborers means of getting their wages full.

At Linden, Ala., John I. Breckenridge shot and killed Wade Nolan. Breckenridge was also fatally shot. The cause of the trouble is not known.

Daniel Boone, a lousy negro, knocked in the door of Benjamin Lyon's shanty at Detroit and attacked him with a buggy spoke. Lyon, who is 35 years old, retaliated with a baton, killing Boone. The trouble arose over a dusky widow named Emma Jones.

Two men, one Fred Meyers of Kanosha, Wis., and the other a stranger, were found dead in their room at the Great House. They had evidently blown out the gas.

Mrs. Bernard Cohen and her son, Max Marber, were held in \$2,500 bail each at New York, on the charge of having caused three fires in their home at 318 East Sixty-eighth street.

The coming Indian budget estimates the deficit at \$20,000 lakhs of rupees.

Lieutenant Maney was indicted for the murder of Captain Hedberg at Chicago.

William H. Stansbury, the oldest prisoner in the state of Maryland, and who has been in The Baltimore Sun for 57 years, was found dead in bed.

Buffalo Bill Cody struck Fred May, the well known clubman, in Chamberlain's, at Washington, and there is talk of a duel.

The Independent Order of the Sons of Benjamin convened in 11th annual convention at Baltimore. Nearly 800 delegates were present from all over the United States and Canada.

The trial of the Pollard-Breckridge breach of promise suit was set for March 8.

Magill, Republican police commissioner of Troy, N. Y., is doing his best to save Murphy from overthrow, but the Whelan men are sanguine of success.

The stability board, which is now inquiring into the question of the stability of the vessels of the navy, has stopped for the time the examination of the vessel already in commission and is devoting its attention to the vessels now under construction.

Henry T. Bryan, editor of the United States statutes, lies unconscious at the Emergency hospital, Washington, from congestion of the brain. He was struck by a cable car.

Robert Smith, aged 60 years, a retired wealthy farmer, and one of the most prominent Democratic politicians in Warren county, N. J., committed suicide.

Matthew Ashton, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Daniel Stone, and sentenced to life imprisonment, has died of small-pox in the Dane county, Wis., jail.

Count Posadowsky, the imperial secretary of the German treasury, has been appointed president of the silver committee.

In the German Reichstag Chancellor von Caprivi announced the conclusion of a frontier agreement with France.

The house committee on postoffices and postroads considered Mr. Dunphy's bill making separate appropriations for the 10 largest postoffices. The postmasters of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Brooklyn and Baltimore appeared before the committee.

Seymour McDonough of Oswego Falls, N. Y., was stabbed during a barroom brawl. The knife penetrated the bowels, making a fatal wound.

President Cleveland has denied the application for pardon of David Gaskill, sentenced to Kings county jail, New York, for assault with intent to kill.

PECKHAM REJECTED.

Senate Refuses Confirmation to the Supreme Court Nomination.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The senate adjourned after spending the better part of two days considering the nomination of W. H. Peckham of New York to be associate justice of the supreme court. The vote had just been taken on a motion to confirm the nomination and the result, which was rejection by a vote of 52 to 41, was known.

The following is the correct vote: Yeas Messrs. Hale, Blackburn, Brice, Butler, Caffery, Dixon, Faulkner, George, Gray, Hale, Harris, Hutton, Kyle, Lindsay, McPherson, Mills, Mitchell, Orr, Mitchell, Wells, Tamm, Pender, Pittenger, Platt, Brewster, Ransom, Hoach, Smith, Spence, Stockbridge, Turple, Vilas, Voorhees and White, 42.

Nays Messrs. Aldrich, Allison, Allison, Berry, Call, Cameron, Clegg, Chandler, Coker, Coke, Culver, DeLoach, Davis, Dingle, Egan, Gallinger, Gilman, Harlan, Harshbarger, Hawley, Higgins, Hill, Hoar, Irby, Jones, (Ark.), Lodge, McLaughlin, Mendenhall, Morrill, Murphy, Peffer, Perkins, Power, Pugh, Shoup, Stewart, Tamm, Vest, Washburn, White and Wilson, 41.

Peckham Refuses to Talk. NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—A reporter called at the home of Wheeler H. Peckham and sent up his card. Mr. Peckham sent back word that he had nothing to say to the representatives of the press in regard to his rejection.

William B. Hornblower was seen at his home. He said: "I am very sorry that the senate has refused to confirm Mr. Peckham's nomination. Of course, under the circumstances, it is proper that I should say very little on the subject. I am not only sorry that Mr. Peckham was not confirmed, I say this because I think that Mr. Peckham would have been a good man for the office and would have filled it with credit and dignity."

To Abolish Slot Machines. ALBANY, Feb. 17.—Senator Jacob Hite introduced in the senate a bill classifying all nickel-in-the-slot machines as lotteries, and prohibiting their use within the state by making it a penal offense to use them or have them on the premises. Senator Rice said: "It is against these affairs that are doing as much to take the money out of our youths' pockets as any other form of gambling."

Child Shoots Its Playmate. BARDONA, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Sadie Mason, aged 3 years daughter of Charles Mason, while playing at the house of Charles Rogers, a neighbor, was shot in the breast and killed by one of Mr. Rogers' children, 11 years old. The latter was playing with a shotgun, not knowing that it was loaded.

Another World's Fair Fire. CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Another World's fair fire broke out in the east wing of the Illinois state building. It was undoubtedly incendiary but prompt response on the part of the fire department prevented damage to any great extent.

E. M. Field Released. NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Judge Smith in the supreme court of Brooklyn granted an order releasing E. M. Field, son of the late Cyrus W. Field, from Ludlow street jail, where he was confined as a judgment debtor.

THE MARKETS. New York Money Market. NEW YORK, Feb. 21. Money at 1 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 1/2 to 3/4 per cent. Sterling exchange: Actual business, \$4.78 to \$4.83; for demand, \$4.80 to \$4.84; for 60 days, \$4.80 to \$4.84. Commercial bills, \$4.80 to \$4.84.

Government Bonds United States 3 per cent, \$1.13; do 4 per cent, \$1.14; do 5 per cent, \$1.15. Railroad bonds—Pacific 6 of '90, \$1.02. Bar silver, 67 1/2 to 68 1/4.

New York Produce Market. NEW YORK, Feb. 21. FLOUR—Mill patents, \$4.15 to \$4.55; winter patents, \$3.85 to \$4.25; city mills, \$3.55 to \$4.00; winter straight, \$2.70 to \$3.00. Minnesota patents, \$3.00 to \$3.50; winter extra, \$2.00 to \$2.50. Minnesota bakers, \$2.25 to \$2.75; winter, low grades, \$1.80 to \$2.20; spring, low grades, \$1.80 to \$2.20; spring extra, \$2.00 to \$2.40. Southern flour: Common to fair extra, \$2.00 to \$2.40; good to choice do, \$2.00 to \$2.50.

RYE FLOUR—superfine, \$2.70 to \$2.85; fancy, \$2.85 to \$3.00. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—\$2.50 to \$2.60. BUCKWHEAT—Canadian, extra bond, 65 to 70.

RYE—Nominal. BARLEY—No. 2 Milwaukee, 60; two-rowed malt, 62 to 64. CORNMEAL—yellow western, 35 to 37; bran, 27 to 29. BRAN—Western, 20 to 22; standard, 20 to 22.

WHEAT—Spot sales of No. 2 red, extra and elevator, 60; do, 57 to 59; L. O. B., No. 1 northern, 63 to 65; Options, No. 2 red, Feb., 61 1/2; March, 62; May, 63; July, 65; Aug., 67; Sept., 69; Dec., 72. WHEAT—Spot sales of No. 2, 63 to 65; elevator, 60; do, 57 to 59; yellow, 60; Options, Feb., 61 1/2; March, 62; April, 64; May, 65; July, 67; Aug., 69; Sept., 71; Dec., 74.

OATS—Spot sales of No. 2, 37 to 39; No. 2 delivery, 36 to 38; No. 3, 35 to 37; No. 3 white, 35 to 37; No. 3 red, track mixed western, 37 to 39; track white western, 38 to 40; track white state, 38 to 40. Options, Feb., 39; March, 39 1/2; April, 40; May, 41; July, 43.

GRAIN—Shipping, 60; good to choice 55 to 58. PORK—New mess, \$18.00 to \$19.00 extra prime, \$19.00 to \$20.00; family, \$15.00; short clear, \$14.00 to \$15.00.

BUTTER—Western creamery, 17 to 20; state do, 17 to 20; western dairy, 18 to 20. CHEESE—State, large, 20 to 21; small, 19 to 20. EGGS—Western, fresh, 17 to 18; 10 to 12.

Buffalo Provision Market. BUFFALO, Feb. 21. WHEAT—No. 1 hard, 70; No. 1 northern, No. 2 red, 60 1/2; No. 1 white, 61 1/2; No. 2 yellow, 60 1/2; No. 2 white, 60 1/2; No. 2 mixed, 59 1/2.

FLOUR—Spring wheat, best patent, per bush, \$4.00 to \$4.25; low grades, \$3.75 to \$4.00; winter wheat, best family, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Graham, \$3.00 to \$3.25.

BUTTER—State creamery, 27 to 28; western, 27 to 28. CHEESE—Pancy, full cream, 15 to 16; best, 12 to 14; good do, 11 to 12. EGGS—State, 18.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market. EAST BUFFALO, Feb. 21. CATTLE—Extra, 4 to 5; choice heavy butchers, \$3.50 to \$4.00; light handy do, \$3.25 to \$3.50; cows and heifers, extra, \$2.25 to \$2.50; butchers' milk, \$2.25 to \$2.50. CALVES—Choice, \$2.25 to \$2.50; common to fair, \$2.00 to \$2.25; choice to extra spring lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.25; common to fair, \$3.25 to \$3.50.

FORES—Heavy, \$3.25 to \$4.00; medium and mixed, \$2.50 to \$3.00; Yorkers, \$3.00 to \$3.50. \$3.50 to \$4.00.

Buffalo Hay Market. BUFFALO, Feb. 21. No. 1 timothy, per ton, \$15.00; No. 2, \$14.00; common mixed, \$12.00; baled hay, \$15.00; clover, \$14.00; loose straw, \$4.00 to \$5.00; do, \$10.00.

MARITIME DISASTERS.

EXPLOSION ON A GERMAN IRONCLAD KILLS THIRTY-NINE MEN.

The Vessel Anchored at the Entrance of Kiel Bay Undergoing Repairs. For a Forced Draught Trial. Ten of the Killed Were Workmen and 29 Balance Seamen.

KIEL, Feb. 17.—A terrible accident occurred on board the German ironclad Hadenburg, near the strand, three miles from the Duesen magazine, at the entrance to Kiel bay.

Yesterday was selected for a forced draught trial. To get the ironclad in first-class condition for the test 40 artificers were sent aboard from the imperial dockyard.

While 11 of these artificers were in the engine room a tremendous explosion took place. The main steamship of the starboard engine had burst.

Far above the noise of the escaping steam was heard the heart-rending cries of the injured and dying.

It was then found that of the 11 all but one had been killed. The man who escaped owed his preservation from the fate of his comrades to the fact that at the moment of the explosion he was standing on a ladder near the top of the room. His companions were all on the floor of the room.

It was then discovered that 39 men in all had been killed and one injured. This list includes the 10 dead artificers. Thirty-seven of the men were killed instantly. Two of the wounded died in a short while after receiving their injuries.

Kiel is not unused to such scenes of suffering and death. In August, 1893, an accident similar in its dreadful features to the present one took place while the German vessel Haden was engaged in gun practice at Friedrichsberg, near Kiel, a shell from unexplained cause exploded prematurely, killing two lieutenants and seven men.

Ship building is one of the chief industries of Kiel, and its great yard is one of the chief features of the city.

Kiel is the Baltic headquarters of the German navy. The haven on which it is located runs into Kiel bay, whose waters flow into the Baltic sea.

HARRIS RECAPTURED. Wanted For Post-office Robbery. His Darling Held Up in Buffalo.

CLIFTON, Feb. 19.—Leroy Harris, the postoffice robber, who escaped from the officers by holding up the court with a revolver at Buffalo, was captured here by Assistant Chief Griffith.

He was sitting in the station waiting for a train when he was recognized by the telegraph operator. When approached by the officer he attempted to draw a weapon, but the officer was too quick and covered him.

He consented to accompany the Buffalo officers, who came after him on being informed of his capture, without a requisition.

Held Up the Court. BUFFALO, Feb. 19.—Two deputy United States marshals, a postoffice inspector, a United States commissioner and an assistant United States district attorney were compelled at the muzzle of a revolver to hold up their hands in the commissioner's courtroom in the postoffice while Leroy Harris, alias William H. Clark, the expert postoffice robber and forger, who was at the other end of the revolver, quietly backed to the door, unlocked and opened it, stepped out and locked the astonished officials in and made his escape.

Revelator Brutally Murdered. OTTAWA, O., Feb. 10.—One of the most atrocious crimes ever committed in the state of Ohio was perpetrated near this place during the early part of the week. It was not found out until the snow melted and the butchered body of the victim was discovered.

For some time past revival meetings have been in progress at Westermann, a small town 10 miles west of here. The revival meetings have been held under the direction of Rev. Joshua C. Briggs, a divine of state reputation, and he has stirred up quite a feeling among the better class of inhabitants of the place much to the hatred of the lawbreakers.

Last Monday night, when the big storm raged in this section, there was not much of an attendance and when it was over Briggs was compelled to traverse the entire distance by himself. It was the stormiest night of the season and when he was some distance from the little church he was held up and robbed. His throat was cut from ear to ear and the breast was slashed and his heart almost cut out. Briggs' watch and pocketbook were missing and everything of value on his person was gone.

Anarchistic Affairs In Paris. PARIS, Feb. 19.—A bomb, similar in its composition to that used by Vaillant and Henry, was found on the staircase of the police station in the Rue du Temple, one of the most ancient and busiest streets of the city and which leads to the Hotel de Ville.

Anarchist Henry made a further confession to the police, and as a result of it his mother's house was searched. The police found much chemical apparatus and a number of letters and photographs, including a group of 20 anarchists. All of these things will prove valuable to the police in their efforts to arrest all the other anarchists who were implicated in the plot with Henry.

Henry also divulged the names of several of his anarchist friends, and their arrests are expected to take place in a short time.

James Makes a Good Start. BOSTON, Feb. 15.—Paul Jones, the latest globe trotter, left Boston yesterday afternoon and arrived in Providence last evening. He had earned \$116 in this city in 24 hours and \$100 of this he deposited in a bank before his departure. He says he expects to make three-quarters of this country.

Reversed the Conditions. COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The completed returns from the town election, held in Otsego county, show that the figures of last year's board of supervisors have been reversed and that there will be 18 Republicans in the new board and 11 Democrats.

Rochester Mayorality Nominations. ROCHESTER, Feb. 15.—Ex-Congressman Halbert S. Greenleaf has consented to accept the Democratic nomination for mayor. George W. Aldridge of the Republican state committee will be his opponent.

NEW SUPREME COURT JUDGE.

Senator White of Louisiana Nominated and Quickly Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—President Cleveland sent to the senate the nomination of Senator Edward D. White of Louisiana to be associate justice of the United States supreme court. To fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Blackford.

The senate had hardly had time to recover from the surprise with which the nomination of Senator White was announced when his confirmation was announced. White was mentioned by name in the confirmation when his confirmation was announced.

There were two speeches by Democratic members of the committee and two by Republican members. Senators Pugh and Hill speaking for the Democratic side and Senators Hoar and Teller for the Republican side.

All the speeches were laudatory and congratulatory both to the president and to Mr. White, while the tenor of all that was said indicated a general feeling of relief that the selection had proved to be one to render it no longer necessary to continue the contest which has been a source of much distracting feature for the past three or four months.

JOHN Y. M'KANE CONVICTED. The Grasswood House Remanded to Jail to Await Sentence.

BROOKLYN, Feb. 18.—The jury in the trial of John Y. McKane, the Grasswood "boss," for election frauds returned a verdict of guilty.

Judge Bartlett remanded the prisoner to jail until Monday morning, when sentence will be pronounced. The penalty for his offense is imprisonment for not more than a year and a fine of \$1,000.

The verdict caused the most intense excitement in and about the courtroom. It was a huge surprise to McKane's friends who were present fully expecting at least a disagreement and the jury's decision burst like a bombshell among them.

McKane smiled slowly and quietly and returned to his cell with little show of feeling. No notice was given by his counsel of an appeal although it is believed the case will be appealed later on.

McKane Sentenced. BROOKLYN, Feb. 21.—John Y. McKane, the convicted Grasswood political boss, was sentenced by Justice Bartlett in the court of general sessions to six years imprisonment in the state prison at Sing Sing.

The sentence was a great surprise to everyone. It was expected that the jury's recommendation to mercy would induce Judge Bartlett to be more lenient.

When the judge pronounced sentence McKane turned deadly pale and clutched the railing before him, and tears rolled down his cheeks.

LATER—Judge Cullen of the supreme court has granted McKane a stay of proceedings.

Baby Esther Christened. WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—There was a pretty little ceremony in the blue parlor of the executive mansion when in the presence of the president, Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Perrine, Dr. Bryant and a very few intimate friends, the youngest child of the president was christened as Esther Cleveland by the Rev. Dr. Sunderland of the Four and one-half street Presbyterian church. The baby was five months and nine days of age, and stood the ordeal well without crying for fright.

Gotham's Police Investigation. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—The senate investigating committee has at last secured counsel and a promise of witnesses and it is said will begin the real work of investigating the New York police department within 30 days. Counsel to the committee will be ex-District Attorney John W. Goff, and probably Wheeler H. Peckham, the rejected candidate for justice of the supreme court.

Farmers' Deadly Quarrel. CHERRY RUN, Va., Feb. 15.—Randolph Ziegler shot and instantly killed J. E. Saulter and seriously wounded Chris Briley about one mile west of here. All were prosperous farmers of that locality and the owners of the finest lands in Morgan county. The dispute, which was of long standing between Saulter and Ziegler, who owned adjoining tracts, arose over a small piece of roadway which both claimed.

Death of Joseph Keppler. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Joseph Keppler, the caricaturist, editor and proprietor of the comic journal Puck, died at his residence, 27 East Seventy-ninth street, in the 56th year of his age. The immediate cause of death was heart failure, resulting from a complication of spinal and lung trouble.

Only One Cruiser at Rio. RIO JANEIRO, Feb. 18.—Only one American cruiser remains on duty in Rio bay, the other four having been sent away to escape yellow fever. Two are within easy call, however. Captain Surges of the American steamer Santuit nearly fell into the hands of the rebels while going ashore in a launch.

Grand Army Encampment. ROCHESTER, Feb. 17.—Arrangements are now completed for the 28th annual encampment of the New York state department of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will take place here next Wednesday and Thursday. The first session of the convention opens at the Washington rink at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

An Old Friend of Lincoln Dies. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 19.—Dr. E. Wharton English, aged 84, a native of Kentucky, died here of old age. Dr. English served three terms in the Illinois state legislature and at the time was a close friend of Abraham Lincoln, the men rooming together at one time.

Evans and Morrell in Jail. VISALIA, Cal., Feb. 20.—Evans and Morrell, the outlaws, are now in the county jail, having surrendered to Sheriff Kay. Negotiations were carried on by means of letters carried by Evans' boy.

GARNERED GRAIN.

A Missionary Society at Hebron, Conn., Holds Thirty-one Acres of Land Under a Lease for 9,999 Years.

In England during the 197 years from 1611 to 1909 only one useful invention appeared at an average of three and one-fourth years interval.

Over a ton of tobacco and cigars were burned last night at Portsmouth in the furnace known as "the queen's pipe," where all contraband tobacco seized in Great Britain is destroyed.

Sallye Bailey of Hamburg, Berks county, Pa., was buried in a grave which she had dug nineteen years ago. It was walled with stone. She left a fortune of \$2,000 in bonds, which a distant relative will inherit.

A device in use by the Baltimore traction company allows the fire department's hose to be carried over the tops of the cables, and thus there is no delay to traffic during the continuance of a fire on the line of the road.

A German couple visited the New York city hall to get married. It was learned that they had lived together as man and wife for twenty-two years, but that they had lost their first marriage certificate and wanted another. They were accommodated.

The story is told on Bishop Harrington, whose handwriting is excruciating, that in writing to a correspondent he said: "Out of respect I write to you with my own hand, but to facilitate the reading I send you a copy made by my amanuensis."

There is a point near the famous Stuyvesant cave in the Catskill mountains where ice may be found on any day in the year. This locality is locally known as the Notch, and is walled in on all sides by steep mountains some of which are more than 3,000 feet high.

Samuel Jeffries and wife, each aged 76, reside at Hustonville, Ky. They had no children in the first seven years of their married life, but in the eleven months after that four were born, and in the next fourteen years fifteen were born. There were seven pairs of twins among the nineteen children.

Snake stories are always in season, and this one from Wilkes county, North Carolina is worthy of print. A black snake, looking for dinner, had set a frog by the hind leg and attempted to swallow it. The frog seized hold of a bamboo brier with its mouth and head on like grim death while the snake tugged at its extremities. The snake wrapped his tail around a convenient shrub to give himself more purchase, and leaned back to his work with a will, but it was no go. The frog held on to the bamboo brier, and as the snake could not pull him loose, he finally gave it up as a bad job and retired from the field.

CHARACTERISTICS. Artificial marble is a French conceit. The income of Oxford university is \$350,000.

An ocean steamer of large size burns about 200 tons of coal a day. The world's diamond supply has increased twenty-fold in thirty years.

Jack Frost was seriously injured in a runaway near Uniontown, Pa., last week. Henry Seebroze has been committed to jail in Baltimore on a charge of bigamy.

In England a £100 one-year accident insurance policy is now thrown in with a pair of suspenders. More copies of the Bible have been sold in the past twenty-five years than of any other book published.

A large specimen of the egg of the fabled "roc" of the "Arabian Nights" has been found in Madagascar. Bagpipes have just been pronounced by the decision of a London court of justice to be musical instruments.

One hundred and twenty pounds of tobacco was the stipend paid for a wife by some of the early settlers of Virginia. The highest court in Missouri has decided that debts contracted in optional deals are gambling debts and not collectible at law.

George Chaplin, an actor, has declined a leading part in a play now running in New York because the role obliged him to climb a tree. A style much affected by the young members of congress, particularly those from the South, is to wear low-cut vests with expansive shirt fronts, Prince Albert coats, broad-brimmed soft hats and smooth shaven faces.

Dr. J. H. Cummings of Pittsburg, in making out a death certificate for a child, gave the occupation of the latter's father as a "bum." He has learned that the term is not a legal one, after paying the costs of the proceeding.

Among the many singular letters received by Sir Stuart Knell when he was lord mayor of London was one from a Russian, who complained that his wife had run away and asked the lord mayor to select another for him—"one who has lost her woad, if possible."

Scalping is a practice not peculiar to the American aborigines. In Southall's "Recent Origin of Man" he quotes from Herodotus to show that the Scythians scalped their fallen enemies, and in modern times, the scalping knife is used by the wild tribes of Northeastern Bengal.

Careful weighing shows that an ordinary bee, not loaded, weighs one five-thousandth part of a pound, so that it takes 5,000 bees, not loaded, to make a pound. But the loaded bee, when he comes in fresh from the fields and the flowers loaded with honey or bee bread, weighs nearly three times more, that is to say, he carries nearly twice his own weight. Of loaded bees there are only about 1,300 in the pound.

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