## Cooperstown Courier.

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COOPERSTOWN, GRIGGS CO., DAF.

In sixteen years there were only four January's colder than the last at Kansas City.

The railroads have suffered considerable detention from snow during the last month but not half so much as two years ago.

legislation by the present Congress are growing very dim, though it is possible that the last days of that body may be its best.

The failure of the Iron and Steel Company in Chicago was a severe blow to several iron kings of Cleveland who owned most of the stock besides the mortgages.

Secretary Teller, of the Interior Department, has written to a pensioner: Soldiers are not entitled to land unless hey go on the tract, and settle upon it and improve and cultivate it." The pensioner complained that he had sent money to a firm in Washington that offered to locate and sell 160 acres of land for soldiers under the Soldiers' Homestead law.

There is a good deal at feeling-but none too much-all over the country, in regard to the preservation of the National Park from the rapacity of certain persons who want to obtain special privileges therein. Once obtained, they will forever thereafter claim vested rights, and dispossession will be almost impossible. The country is full of shark who have no other way of getting a living than by obtaining special privileges of some sort and the Park sharks are the worst of the lot.

Prairie papers frequently contain notices of experiments-some of which are tolerably successful-of burning hay for fuel. No doubt exists that hay may be utilized, where there is plenty of it, and wood is not to be obtained. But after all, it is only a make-shift, and a very poor substitute for wood. Prairie farmers should not allow anything to stand in the way of raising their own wood on their own land, which may be done in a very much shorter time than is generally supposed.

In answer to a correspondent who wanted the best history of the war, the New York Sun truthfuliy remarks: There is no very good history of the Southern rebellion, and the time has not yet come to write one. Many of the most important documents are still inaccessible, and the partisan interests and passions connected with the struggle are not yet sufficiently extinguished. Algood many books have been published which contribute indispensable information toward the future history; but the history itself can hardly be expected before the beginning of the next century.

The statistics of English pensions are curious. Ten thousand pensioners draw £5,196,551 per annum from India, and 150,250 pensioners receive from the tax

occasion by northern professors of tem-perance and reform. Legislation on whisky is apt to mix things at times, but it is not usual for the duties on wire fencing and rods to upset brains in the land of steady habits."

## Another Steamer Burned.

The steamship Moors Castie, of the Clyde line, running between New York and Charleston, was totally destroyed by fire on the 21st. The officers and crew had barely time to escape with East by banks and mills. The officer of signor of one-quarter to J. K. Gehring. what clothing they happened to have on. The Moors Castle was to have sailed their warehouses at Clark and Taylor S. Radcliffe, St. Paal, Minn., suction venfor New York to-day and had received The prospects of wholesome tariff half her cargo, consisting of cotton, naval stores, etc. The total loss on the vessel is estimated at \$200,000 and on cargo \$70,000: insurance unknown.

## A Hungry Corpse Story.

The story is told by a physician at Metamora, Ill., as follows: On Monday of last week he was called to see a woman named Stappe, living a mile north of the place, and who had been ill for several days with pneumonia. The doctor pronounced her condition critical, and informed the family that they might be prepared for the worst at any moment. Tuesday morning a member of the family came and told him that he need not come out again, as the woman died about 12 o'clock the night before. On',Wednesqay morning the doctor was called again to see her, when he learned that she had lain from about 12 o'clock on Monday night until about 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in an apparently nn-

conscious condition, perfectly cold and rigid, with no perceptible sign of life On coming to she rose up in bed and asked for something to eat. She had been laid out on the bed, and arrange. ments were being made for her burial.

#### A Bad Chicago Record.

In regard to some desperate rascals now confined at Red Wing on a charge of robbery, the Chicago News says: Devine, Schnell, and [Allen are all wellknown to the Chicago police as first-class three-card monte and confidence men. Davis, alias Allen, was arrested here a short time since, in company with "Bouquet Johnny," charged with having robbed a country man near Detroit. They were both sent back to that place, but for some reason they were not convicted. Lieut. Shea, of the central police station, knows Devine Swell, and some years ago had a desperate fight with him upon State street, while Devine was trying to resist arrest. He is said to be a dangerous man. Addison Schnell, the second one of the crowd, is not unknown in police circles. He formerly kept the "Pavillion" upon Wabash avenue, near Harmon court. His place was a wellknown rendezvous for such cases as Hennesy, Hays, "Bouquet Johnny," Kelly, Tripp and Bird. Tom Devine is also known to the police as an accomplished crook.

# Sixteen Children Killed by a Fire Panic.

An outbreak of fire under the stairs of the second floor of a school house attached to the German Catholic Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, fourth street New York between Avenue A and First Avenue, at 3: 15 Tuesday afternoon, was the cause of a terrible calamity. No less than fourteen children

lost their lives. Over 700 scholars.

National bank where the house does all turbine water wheel; H. W. Gurney its business would not have East Nodaway, Iowa, motor; William refused payment of such paper, unless there were large steam heating boiler; E. B. Meatvard. amounts of it afloat maturing early. In- Geneva, Wis., car truck (reissue); A. W. deed, it was ascertained that \$15,000 Morgan, assignor of two-thirds to J. E. more fell due to-day, and that in the Boyles and W.F. Morgan, Creston, Iowa, neighborhood of \$100,000 was held by incubator; Emma A. Paul, Madison, Wis., Fastern banks and others already due or will be within the next few days. although he said most of their paper was held in the iron districts in the flour mills; F. Prinz, asthe firm is in the Portland block, and Dundas, Minn., middlings purifier; E. streets, Herbert S. Ayer, head of the firm, is said to have recently disposed Reiser Steam Boiler and Cleaner comof his fine house, but few suspected that it was necessary. The first estimate placed the liabilities at \$5,000,000. Ac-counts were kept at the Union National bank.

#### No-Extra Sessions.

Washington dispatch: Numerous applications for the minor positions to be given at the reorganization of the senate have been received by a number of senators. These aspirants have been assured that, in all probability, no appointments will be made before December next, there is a feeling among senators that no extra session of the senate will be necessary. Senators Edmunds and Anthony are most prominently spoken of as the coming presiding officer. The latter, while entitled to the honor out of respect of his long connection with the senate, is thought by some members to be too old to elect.

#### Death of a Pennsylvania Millionaire.

Robert A. Packer, eldest son of the late Judge Asa Packer of Mauch Chunk, Pa., has just died near Jacksonville, Florida. He was president of several railway and mining companies in Pennsylvania. He was a very wealthy and influential gentleman, his income being nearly \$2,000,000 annually. His brother, Harry Packer, sailed for Europe only a few weeks ago. His property was left in trust by his father, and amounts to about \$12,000,000. It will now be divided between his wife, brother and sister.

#### Scandal on President Arthur.

The busy tongue of scandal at Washington is trifling with the reputation of no less a distinguished personage than the president of the United States, whose line of social conduct should certainly be above suspicion. The highly colored account is published of of an alleged disgraceful scandal, in which President Arthur and First Assistant Secretary of state John Davis are ! mentioned as the principal actors. Unseasonable calls are said to be the foundation for this mis. chievous rumor. There is probably not the smallest foundation for the scandaious inferences outside of the salacious imaginations of Washington mischief makers. A certain element in Washingington society has been trying to hound the president into marriage ever since his elevation into office. Likely enough the story is part of the same social crusade. He is paying the penalty of every rich and prominent bachelor or widower to whom society's edict says: "Marry, or submit to be gossiped about."

### Bismarck to a Minnesotian.

Some time ago H. W. Grube, of St. Paul, sent a couple of boxes of seed wheat,

on \$5,00 .000 Hopkins and C. Foekler, Dubuque, Iowa, desk top; F. Prinz, Dundas, Miun., dust collector for flour mills; F. Prinz Milwaukee, Wis., dust collector for tilator; Cristopher Reiser, assignor to pany, Prairie du Chieu, Wis., steam boiler cleaner: J. Shoemaker, assignor of one-half to T. Thornely & Batt, La Crosse, Wis., evaporating pan; George T. Skunk, Lincoln township, Iowa. cultivator; F. C. Starke and J. P. Crowley, Milwaukee, method of and device for the application for cable power to steam shovels. J. R. Steitz, Bay View, Wis., hay rack; William E. Williams, Dodgeville, Wis., wind mill; P. & J. Young, Monticeilo, Iowa, apparatus for tightening tires.

#### New Regulations for Additional Homesteads.

Secretary Teller has forwarded a set of reg. ulations in the matter of locating additional homesteads, which reverse the rules now in practice. The law provides that a soldier or sailor who, prior to June 22, 1874, had made a homesteadleniry of fless than 160 acres, could enter an additional quantity of land sufficient to make in all 160 acres. The practice has been to allow attorney to make the entry. This is discontinued, and the party must appear in person and swear to the truth of representations made before a register or receiver. These regulations have created great excitement among and attorneys, who say that soldier scrip, now in the hands of a few persons, will double in value, without any benefit to soldiers. On the other hand, any benefit to soldiers. On the other hand, it is thought that the regulations will dis-courage trands in the name of dead soldiers. Such pressure was brought to bear on Sec-retary Teller recently by the land attorneys that, while he refused to revoke or modify the regulations, he ordered their execution stayed for thirty days, when they will go into operation.

### COMMERCIAL.

#### ST. PAUL

ST. PAUL. WHEAT-The market has shown considerable strength, and prices have been maintained in the face of heavy deliveries by wagon at the city mills. At one mill alone the daily receipts by teams aver-aged 2.000 bushels daily, making one of the heavi-est weeks for business in the line ever known. Prices are now up to a good fair point and this, together with the fact that there is no farm work processing leads farmers ro haul freely, especially while country roads hold good. Rait receipts fave been light, but are now increasing though showing mostly ordinary quality of wheat. The board of trade market has been firm, with a small advance in prices, and closing with an easier tendency, with buyers more choice in their selection of grades. The demand is steady, so that if sellers should make the slightest concessions from current quota-tions, all stocks would be readily takes. Specula-tion is not quite so active in the futures, yet suffici-ently confident to make bids daily. Prices are now a little lower in bids than a week ago, both spot and futures, following Eastern markets. These are liable to be fluctuating, but in the man, will prob-ably maintain values, as the supply of good wheat in Western farmer's hands is probably less than

# TERRIBLE MINING CASUALITY.

#### Seventy-Five Lives Lost by the Floodingofa Mine.

At the Diamond coal-mine near Joliet, Ill. on Friday a large body of earth, loosened by the frost and saturated with water, unable to withstand the pressure, caved in up-on the workmen in the mine. The body of earth falling is about 90 feet square. 300 were in the various sha'ts when the ground sagged in under weight of water that had at once saturated and loosened it. Sixty-two were in one shaft, which caught the bulk of falling debris, and which was instantly flooded. Every one of them was either drowned or smothered inside of five minutes. Their bod-

ies were buried beneath many tons of earth, Later reports say that the dead num ber seventy-five. The miners having become used to these breaks did not think there was nsed to these breaks did not think there was nuch danger when the water commenced breaking through, at 11 o'clock, most of them refusing to leave the mine, thinking there was no danger of the mine flooding; but in a few moments the break widened to a chasm twenty feet wide by sixty feet long. Fifty men had left families. Almost one-half of the workings of the mine were aban-doned and there being a slight inclination towards the bottom of the main shaft the water rushed directly toward it and so stop-ped the means of escape first and then pen-

water rushed directly loward it and so stop-ped the means ot escape first and then pen-etrated to every part where the men were cut-ting coal. The men who escaped were for-tunate enough to be near the only air shaft in the part of the mine that was being worked, and, perhaps, more might have es-caped by that way but the water must have rushed straight to the main shaft and been rushed straight to the main shaft and been overwhelmed on their way, while others, who thought to get to the shaft by a circuit-ous route had a still poorer chance of escape. Several instances are reported in which the workmen were warned that the water was approaching, but they seemed to have been forgetful of the vast sheet of water which stretched over the surface of the mine, and to have paid little attention to the warning. The tide met them before more than twenty had reached the principal exit. The rushing water descending like an Al-The rushing water descending like an Al-pine torrent, struck many of the unfortu-nate victims, whirling them away from the , shaft. The scenes among the homes of the miners were distressing in the intensity of the sorrow that hung over the little community. There was scarcely a cottage in which some one was not missing.

### The Floods in Europe.

Jenning's London Special: The rains and floods which have been prevailing in all parts of the country have now as sumed the proportions of a national calamity. Large tracts of land are totally submerged. By this time of the year a considerable area of wheat should have been sown, but scracely an acre has yet been seeded down in all England. The land is literally a morass; and the winter wheat is rotting in the ground. Whatever may happen now there cannot be a great harvest, even if it does turn out one of the worst that England has ever known. To add to the misfortunes of our sorely tried agricultural population. disease has broken out among the cattle and sheep.

#### Another Story of the Dublin Assassinations.

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payers of the United Kingdom more than '£7,000,000, yearly. Of these latter recipients of public charity many are nourished by a grateful country, because offices which they have held have been abolished. The nearest thing to this in the United States, is the pensioning of supreme judges after they get too old or too feeble to sit on the bench -an innovation that should ever be regarded as such, and not an example that may be indefinitely extended.

The annual statement of the output of the metals in the states and territories west of the Mississippi has been published by Wells Fargo & Co. The aggregate products in 1882 were-Gold

mostly children of the poorer classes, ranging from 6 to 11 years of age, attend the school and were in their class-rooms when the alarm of fire was raised. Immediately alarmed, the class became panic-stricken and a rush was made fo the hall-way. On the stairs already crowded, a deadly crush took place. The railing of the stairs broke and the mass of struggling children was precipitated to the floor below, falling in a packed mass one upon another from four to five deep. Police and fireman already summoned arrived, but their

work of rescue was much hampered by the frightened children continuing to fall or leap from the stairway, those in

grown upon his own farm near Bismarck, D. T., to Prince Von Bismarck, the great Prussian premier. He lately received a reply, of which the following is a translation:

VARZIN, Prussia, Nov. 21, 1882-Your kind remittance of samples of grain from your present home, as well as the accompanying lines. I have received. Please accept my sincere thanks. I shall cause the seed to be sown here, on my lands, and shall be interested in their future so much the more as they come from an old countryman and were grown near the city bearing my name on the other side of the globe.

[Signed] BISMARCK From the letter his highness, possibly.

MINNEAPOLIS. WHEAT-This market opened a week ago at \$1.12 for No.1 hard and closed yesterday at \$1.20 for spot, showing a reneral decline of 1Mc for the week. The other grades and the samples fell off about the same as No.1 hard. While this weakness has prevailed here there has been some ease in the market at other places. Yesterday, however, outside points regained the loss for the week and closed at the highest reached on the crop. It is not unreasonable to conclude, therefore, that local prices, stimulated by yesterday's firmness in the lake markets, will advance to the price of a week ago. The cause assigned for easy prices here the lake markets, will advance to the price of a week are. The cause assigned for easy prices here is the refusal of local millers to follow up the ad-vance; 5 cars of No. 1 hard sold yesterday at \$1.11½ for March delivery. It was offered for apot delivery at \$1.11, \$1.10½ was bid; \$1.06 was bid for No. 2 hard; No. 1 sold at \$1.06; No. 2 at \$1.02

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#### Clear off the Debts.

Will not every family which is crippled by debt consult and plan to diminish their indebtedness. It is better by far to sell a forty acre lot off a quarter section while prices are high and while