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WAR WAS BORN TO HUSTLE.
He is of few days; but quite a plenty.

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South African War.

LONDON, December 19.—"The Boers have raided Cape Colony at two separate points, 100 miles distant," says a Cape Town correspondent. "One commando advanced upon Philippstown between Colesburg and Kimberley. The other, supposed to be Herzog's commando, crossed the Orange river between Odendaalsburg and Bethanie, northwest of Burgersdorp, its objective apparently being Cradock."

"General MacDonald is engaging the invaders, who have no guns, 20 miles west of Burgersdorp. The latest news is that they are being slowly forced back to the Orange river, where a warm reception is being prepared for them."

LONDON, December 22.—A dispatch from De Aar, Cape Colony, says that the Boers have driven the Boers out of Houtaers, the enemy retreating westward.

CAPE TOWN, December 21.—General Bullen, commander of the newly raised colonial division, has been ordered to the front and will start tomorrow.

At Thorndale General French has routed 3500 Boers with four guns and a pom-pom. Thorndale is sixteen miles northwest of Krugersdorp. The fight took place December 15th. The British had fourteen wounded and the Boers fled in disorder, with about fifty killed.

The Boers who invaded Cape Colony had, in most cases, pack horses in addition to those they rode. All were in the pink of condition. They commandeered all possible clothing and stores at Venterstad.

The Boers detailed a train at Barberton, killing an inspector and others. General Baden-Powell will start for the Transvaal tomorrow.

CAPE TOWN, December 20.—The situation in the northern districts of Cape Colony is most serious. Fully 2000 Boers have invaded that section. Grave fears are entertained that Dutch sympathizers will join the rebellion, the lack of a sufficient number of mounted troops is felt by the British. The enormous waste of horses in South Africa was never fully appreciated until now.

The following is the only dispatch from Kitchener which has been given out:

PANAMA, Wednesday, December 19.—A party of Boers, estimated at from 500 to 800, has crossed the Orange river at Rhenoster Hoek. A second band is reported to have crossed near Sand Drift. They have been followed, I have sent a considerable body of mounted men, who are getting around them. The Boers from Rhenoster Hoek are being followed closely from Venterstad, which they left at 3 o'clock yesterday evening going in the direction of Steynsburg. The important points on the railroad and the neighborhood are well guarded. I hope the band will soon be driven north again.

A special from Johannesburg, dated December 19, says that heavy cannon fire was heard the morning of that date north of Krugersdorp.

CAPE TOWN, December 20.—The invasion of Cape Colony is spreading. It is reported that the Boers have occupied Oederburg, south of Philippolis and near the Orange river colony frontier. The people here are much disturbed. A mixed force of 1000 men was dispatched north yesterday evening.

Story of a Slave.
To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Macomber, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by Chas. Strang, druggist.

Disfigured Skin

wasted muscles and decaying bones. What havoc! Scrofula, let alone, is capable of all that, and more. It is commonly marked by bunches in the neck, inflammations in the eyes, dyspepsia, catarrh, and general debility. It is always radically and permanently cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. "I was a sufferer from scrofula from birth. My eyes were so affected that I was almost blind for days at a time. My neck began to swell so that I could not breathe freely. Medicines failed to do me any good until I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. Today I have excellent health." Miss K. M. McGinnis, Silver Creek, Ky. "I was troubled with scrofula and came near losing my eyesight. For four months I could not see to do anything. After taking two bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla I could see to walk around the house and when I had taken eight bottles I could see as well as I ever could." SUSIE A. HARRISON, Withers, W. C.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

But Small Dividends for Chosen Friends
—Big Coal Mine Fire to Be Extinguished—A Government Official Killed at Washington.

Dr. Charles Sabin Taft, one of the surgeons who attended President Lincoln when he was shot by Booth, died in New York a few days ago.

Early Saturday morning fire broke out in the home of Coura' Ruff, a dairyman living just outside of San Jose. When discovered the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to save anything. Four children were burned to death before they could be removed from the building and two others so badly burned that they may die.

Ed. V. Higgins, a young man of unbalanced brain, who lived near Sherman, Los Angeles county, gave himself up to a sheriff recently and stated that he had killed two men, and buried their bodies near his home. Examination proved that he had murdered his mother and William Sheehan, a ranch hand employed by his mother. The bodies were buried where he stated. He will be sent to an asylum.

Between \$3000 and \$4000 was secured by a gang who exploded dynamite in the vault of the Dalton City bank at Dalton City, Ill. Although a posse was quickly formed no trace of the robbers has yet been found.

Former Governor Roger Wolcott of Massachusetts is dead at Boston.

Bob Fitzsimmons has come out with the statement that he has quit the prize ring.

F. H. Morris of Ohio, auditor of the war department at Washington, was shot and instantly killed by Samuel MacDonald, also of Ohio, recently a distributing clerk of the treasury, in the former's office at the Windsor building on 17th street. Auditor Morris was closeted alone with MacDonald when the shooting occurred. In trying to make his escape MacDonald also assaulted the watchman, Thomas Onick, with the butt of his revolver. He was arrested while leaving the building. Before being taken into custody however, he shot himself in the breast and also made an ugly gash in his throat with a small penknife.

Receiver Clark of the Chosen Friends says creditors have little prospect of realizing much if anything from their claims. The utmost that the creditors can hope for is the realization of ten cents on the dollar. With liabilities of \$500,000, the order will be able only with the greatest difficulty to raise \$50,000 to adjust the claims of the creditors.

The sailing ship Iverra was wrecked last Friday near Gothenburg, Southwest Sweden. Seven of the crew were drowned. Three managed to reach an uninhabited island, where two died, the third being rescued.

A dispatch from Aberdeen, Scotland, says five Shetland fishing boats have been missing since the storm that raged last week, and it is feared that 27 fishermen have been drowned.

A British army officer is in Kansas purchasing 50,000 cavalry horses and mules for the British army in South Africa.

The officials of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company are jubilant over the fact that the fire in the celebrated burning mine at Summit Hill, Pa., which started 42 years ago, is now under control, and it is said the next two years will see it extinguished. The fire, which has consumed about 35 acres of the finest coal land in the anthracite coal regions, has moved westward toward Lansford. Two immense drilling machines, which have been constantly probing for the fire, have now honey-combed the earth to the west of the burning portion. Calm is being poured into these holes and a solid mass will thus confront the fire.

The largest coal deal ever made in Maryland county, W. V., will be made in a few days. The territory comprises 12,000 acres or 19 square miles, lying around Salem. The purchasers are James E. Brown of Uplandtown and Alfred J. Cochran of Dawson, who will pay \$843,000 for the entire tract.

After several weeks of investigation the accounts of Charles D. Slapp former cashier of the firm of Caldwell & Smith mortgage and loan brokers of Memphis, Tenn., shows a shortage of about \$21,000.

Henry W. Howgate, who was cautiously before the public some years ago owing to his heavy embezzlement of government while funds disbursing officer of the weather bureau, will be released from prison January 1, having served his sentence.

Upon representations from interested parties the state department has requested the navy department to have an American vessel remain for a time in Venezuelan waters to give support to any representations that United States Loomis may have to make to the Venezuelan government in respect to the conflicting asphalt concessions and what is known as the Faribault concession, which was threatened with extinguishment on various scores by the Venezuelan government.

A bold kidnapping scheme occurred at Omaha last week. Edward Gahndy the young son of the well-known millionaire, was caught by two men and taken to a vacant house in the outskirts of town. Word was then sent to Gahndy that unless he immediately put up \$25,000 his son would be blinded. The money was paid over and the boy returned to his parents.

Greeting the New Century.

The wide discrepancy between the indications of various timepieces, which covers a range of perhaps a quarter of an hour, even in clocks which enjoy a reputation of being well regulated, naturally results in a rather ragged beginning of the welcome to the infant year. The early birds have the advantage in the total amount of noise produced, but their premature efforts are purely local in effect. The real symposium of hubbub does not make itself heard until at the exact instant when the last minute of the dying year has breathed its last. Then it rolls forth in chaotic volume, accompanied by engine whistles, bells, firecrackers, yells and every variety of horn toot that has ever been devised by the ingenuity of man. It seems to endure for many minutes without an appreciable break, although there is an unconfirmed report that individual noise-makers have been known to stop for breath or to give their second wind a good flying start. Chimes which in ordinary times are irresistible in sweetness can scarcely be heard on New Year's morning except by ears close to the belfry or during a lull in the babel of noises all around.

STOOD BY HER RIGHTS.

How a Woman Lawyer Had the Last Word.

The woman-lawyer slammed a pile of briefs down before the judge, according to the New York Herald, and said: "I move to discharge the prisoner on the ground that the prosecution have not proved their case and that the evidence is irrelevant and immaterial." "Motion granted," said the judge. "No more dastardly outrage was ever perpetrated," began the lawyer, "than the incarceration of this, my innocent client. He was engaged in the pursuit of his daily vocation, when the strong arm of the law descended upon him. He—"

"Madam," said the judge, "have I not already told you that your motion was granted? The prisoner is discharged." "He was a man without guile," continued the fair counselor. "He supported his family as best he could. He was in the midst of his family circle when a minion of the law entered and demanded his immediate incarceration." "I have already decided in your favor, madam, as I have told you twice," drawled the judge. "What more do you want?" "What more do I want, indeed?" cried the woman lawyer, her face flushing to a crimson hue. "Why, I want to argue this case. I stand on my constitutional right as a woman to have the last word, and I mean to have it." And she did.

SCANT COURTESY.

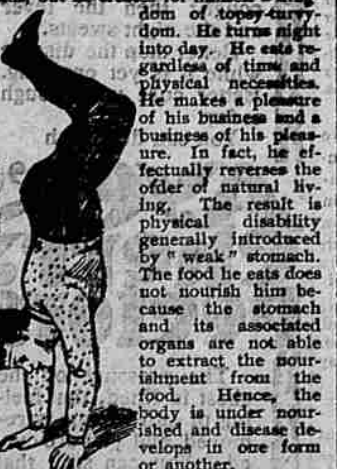
Americans Accused of Being Rude to Women in Sleeping Cars.

"I am sorry to have to say it," remarked a sleeping car conductor, reports the Washington Star, "but somehow, and I have no explanation for it, men traveling are not as courteous and accommodating to lady travelers as they should be. 'The men who ask for all kinds of accommodations, when they have their wives, sisters, or female relatives traveling with them, and they never fall then to claim everything in sight, are in many cases the men who decline to give similar favors to other lady passengers.'"

"As a matter of fact, the upper berths in a sleeping car are the best, the best ventilated, and I think experience has shown the safest in cases of wreck. Still, the demand is nearly always for the lower berths, because it is easier to get into them. This is particularly so with lady travelers. 'In my last half-dozen trips from and back to the city I have had more than the usual percentage of lady passengers, and I have not succeeded in one case in getting any of the men travelers to surrender a lower berth for an upper berth. The men, being more experienced, secured the lower berths and refused to give them up.'"

Topsy-turvy.

That's a favorite attitude of the small boy. And in this again the child is the father of the man. The man does not essay to walk through life on his hands, but he creates for himself a kingdom of topsy-turvy.



Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It cures through the stomach diseases which originate in a diseased condition of the stomach and its allied organs. Hence, it cures "weak" lungs, "weak" heart, "weak" nerves and other forms of so-called weakness. "I had been troubled with catarrh of the stomach and heart trouble," writes Mr. W. D. Merchant of Tylersburg, Clarion Co., Penn. "I had doctored for some time without relief until I began to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I took seven bottles. Before I began to take it I weighed 175 pounds, and now weigh 176. I am working steadily and feel like a well man. I send you many thanks." Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED FROM THE WEEK'S DISPATCHES.

Heavy Gambling Losses of a Klondike Hotel Man—Arrest and Conviction of a Triple Murderer—Chico Man Indicted.

Count von Blumenthal, the oldest field marshal in the German army, died a few days ago on his estate at Quelendorf, Duchy of Anhalt.

A suit brought at San Rafael by Baron von Schroeder for libel against a San Francisco paper, caused a great stir last week. The case was decided against the baron. He wanted \$350,000 damages.

J. W. Mackay, one of the oldest roadmen of the North Pacific coast, died at Victoria recently. He located the famous coal beds at Nanaimo, B. C.

Elisa B. Francis, colored, a young coal miner, Sunday night shot and instantly killed his sweetheart, Lola Jones, also colored, at Newwast, Wash. He was drunk and jealous. He is in jail.

Max Endleman, a hotel keeper at Grand Forks, in the Klondike district, lost \$48,000 in one night playing black jack. It was one of the heaviest losses in the history of the game. Endleman did not lose his nerve in the least and says he will have them come his way before long. Endleman is interested to a small extent in the house where he made his big losing; so part of his money will find its way back to his pocket.

On indictments from the grand jury Attorney C. L. Stillson and R. Diller were arrested in Chico recently. Stillson is charged with the concealment of public documents and Diller with obtaining money under false pretenses. Both men are old residents of Butte county. For four consecutive terms Stillson was county clerk of Butte county. Diller has been a prominent real estate dealer and insurance agent in Chico for twenty-five years.

The large ferryboat on Eel river at the crossing of the Ukiah wagon road was carried away. The heavy rains of the last week had raised the water so high that it was impossible to hold the boat. The cable broke, and the boat went down stream and was a total wreck. This closes the road and all travel will be compelled to go via Laytonville.

Pete McDonald, one of the wealthiest men of the Klondike, died recently of heart failure.

Louis Machen, an old resident of Los Gatos, was run over and killed by a train near Los Gatos. How the accident occurred is not known.

Charles B. Willis, a well-to-do citizen residing near San Jose, fell over a cliff recently and was killed.

Mrs. James Reilly, of Stockton, drank nitric acid, mistaking it for medicine, and died in a few minutes in great agony. Mrs. Reilly's son had been replenishing some electric batteries, and left the bottle of acid on the table where his mother kept her medicine. Besides a husband and son, a daughter remains.

One of the biggest land deals in the history of Santa Clara county was completed recently. W. S. Richards and the Santa Clara Valley Land company a syndicate, purchased the elegant mansion and 421 acres of land belonging to Horace Hawes, adjoining Redwood city, for \$100,000 and 4200 acres of the famous San Martin ranch in Santa Clara county for \$273,000. The property includes some of the finest orchards lands in the valley.

Conductor J. L. Dumillen fell off a train at Auburn and received injuries which caused his death.

A dispatch from Vienna reports recent Moslem excesses against the Christian population in the central provinces of Turkey, where two hundred Christians have been killed.

Martin Stickle of Kalama, Wash. has been found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to death. A year ago William B. Shanlin was mysteriously murdered and no clew could be found. Last month Cornelius Knapp and his wife were killed in the same manner and a careful gathering of evidence lead officers to believe Stickle guilty of the three murders. He was arrested and confessed.

The secretary of war has transmitted to the house the report of the chief of engineers upon the examinations and survey of the Columbia river between the foot of the Dalles rapids and the head of Celilo falls Oregon and Washington, with a view to the construction of a canal and lock to overcome the obstructions to navigation, authorized by the last river and harbor act. The estimated cost of the work is given at \$3,999,871, or in round numbers \$4,000,000.

Upwards of \$100,000 will be voluntarily distributed among the 8000 employees of the Crane Elevator company of Chicago as their share of the profit accruing during the past year.

The charge against Hume Yerington former mayor of Carson, Nev., of having in his possession a pair of felt glasses stolen from a saloon in Victoria B. C., was dismissed by the police magistrate. Yerington said he was given the glasses to sell by a stranger whom he had not seen since he divided with him the \$4 obtained from a pawn broker. Another point in his favor was that he openly offered them for sale.

The body of Charles Grandin drowned while crossing the bay at Eureka, about two months ago, was recovered recently. He was a stranger, coming from the southeastern part of the state.

An Astonishing But True Story

"My home is in Sidney, Ohio. I have been nearer death with consumption than any other living person in the world, and I want you to read this, so you can tell others. I took a severe cold and neglected it. I grew worse all the time, and at the end of two years I had run into consumption. I coughed terribly, lost flesh, could not sleep, and became so dreadfully weak that I had to take to bed. In the following eighteen months I gradually reached the last stages of consumption. No less than seven physicians treated me and all gave me up saying I was incurable. I was absolutely helpless. The whole family wore themselves out caring for me. One day mother and sister came to my bedside, and said I had but a day or two more to live. Tears rolled down their cheeks as they sobbed this news. The doctors had declared I was in the last stage, and no human being could save me. I was willing to die, but before going to the cruel grave, I wanted to go out and see my dearly beloved town of Sidney once more. They told me such a thing was impossible—that I would surely die before I got back. But I insisted, and to gratify my dying wish, a carriage was fitted up with a bed of pillows, and to this I was carried and slowly driven around Court House Square. I got home more dead than alive. Through the mercy of Providence, someone brought a trial bottle of medicine said to be a consumption cure. No one imagined for an instant it was worth trying. But as a drowning person grasps at a straw, so I tried this medicine. I was better after taking two doses. Mother got more of the medicine and I took it, improving all the time. Today I am as well as any reader of this paper, and the medicine that cured me was Acker's English Remedy for Consumption. I declare before God and man that every word here printed is true."



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HUBBARD BROS. MEDFORD.

Something New

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Market Report.

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Wheat.....42
Oats.....50
Flour.....\$1.50 per 100 lbs
Barley.....\$1.25 " " "
Mill Feed......90c " " "
Potatoes......85 " " "
Eggs......27 per doz
Butter......22 per lb
Bacon, dry......034 " lb
Bacon......11 " lb
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Shoulders......10 " lb
Lard......104 " lb
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