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## NEWS OF THE WEEK

interesting Collection of Current Events In Condensed Form From Both Continents.

The food of San Francisco laborers is to be analyzed by the professors at the State University.

The Fort Randall military reservation, which contains over 100,000 acres in South Dakota and Nebraska, has been opened to settlers.

Negotiations of the Chinese government with the Hooly syndicate for a loan of \$80,000,000 have fallen through. The government is now negotiating with the Hong Kong & Shanghai bank.

The Washington state grain commission announces that it will not lower No. 1 wheat grade from 59 to 58 pounds to the bushel, notwithstanding the agitation to that end in the eastern part of the state.

The Long Island coast for a distance and Rockaway beach, was more or less damaged by a very high tide. The Rdmore hotel was damaged to the extent of \$25,000.

Speedy, the professional bridgejumpfersoaville bridge in Louisville, Ky., before an audience of 18,000. Speedy made the jump of 130 feet in safety, and was mingling with the crowd a few minutes later.

Frank Moon, aged 50 years, and Mrs. Wells, were found dead at the bottom of a 30-foot well on Moon's farm, near Derby, Kan., having been asphyxiated. Moon had been overcome while working, and the woman, fearful at his not returning home, went to the well late at night to investigate, and fell in.

Admiral Matthews, chief of the burean of yards and docks, in his annual report to Secretary Long. recommends the construction of four drydocks of the best type. He recommends that conzeste docks be built at Boston, Norfolk dock be placed at either Key West, Tortugas, or Algiers, La. The estimates for the maintenance of the yards next year aggregate \$2,364,202.

Pollowing close upon the recent announcement of a great syndicate to control the trade of Honduras comes the information received from reliable sources that a gigantic syndicate is in process of organization for the purpose of promoting direct trade between the United States and Russia. The project of a wonderful papyri discovered last originated with Russian merchants and has the sanction, if not the direct support, of the imperial government.

A dispatch from Managua, Nicaragua, says John Augustine, an American citizen, was arrested at San Carlos, at the mouth of the San Juan river, by arder of President Zelaya's brother, and, without any pretense of a trial, was imprisoned in the penitentiary. Mr. Augustine was formerly United States consul at Bluefields, Mosquito same as our Greek testament of today. A. G. McKay, private secretary the navigation company's steamers on the San Juan river.

John Griffith essayed "Richard III" John Fay Palmer, who was doing Richmond, in the face, cutting a gash exnose and cheek. The bone of the nose was broken and a little more force would have penetrated the brain. Palmer turned his back to the audience and finished the scene without any one knowing what had happened.

Sheldon Jackson, United States superintendent of Alaskan schools, who has just returned from Alaska, says: There is but one solution to the transportation problem in Alaska, and that is the reindeer.

A special to the Kansas City Journal from Muskogee, L. T., says: The treaty between the Dawes and Creek commissions, which was concluded here last month, was rejected by the

ing 11 men and capturing many entire audience rising to greet him. women, children and cattle. A detachment of Anglo-Egyptian cavalry sent in Nansen from the Geographical Society. pursuit of the dervishes overtook them Dr. Nansen replied briefly, thanking and routed them with heavy loss. The the society for the honor conferred upon dervishes abandoned their booty and him. He spoke in very fair English.

The body of William J. Lyons, an employe of the Pacific Gas Improve. who was one of the party which held ment Company, of San Francisco, was the record for northern latitudes prior found in the hills back of Berkley with to the Nansen expedition, also spoke a bullet-hole in his head. He was briefly. short in his accounts and attempted to burn his books to hide his crime. Being discovered in this he killed himself in despair.

Senator Morgan, who has just returned from an extended visit to Ha. Burns. The latter had urgent business waii, has expressed himsetlf as well at Lovelock, and telegraphed a friend pleased with what he saw and the man- from Grand Junction for money. Rener in which he was entertained on ceiving no reply, he attempted to beat the islands. He is more than ever en- his way on a train, and falling off, was thusiastic on the subject of annexation, seriously injured. He then sued the and intimates that Hawaii will become telegraph company for failing to dea part of this country before the close liver his message, and received judgof the coming year.

John Falongos, a resident of Clifton, Or., for the past six years, was killed by the caving of an embankment on the grade of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad.

A dispatch from Madrid says there is that such an alliance may be accom-plished at any moment. mined resistance to the advance of the British troops.

OUTLOOK IS BETTER.

Spain's New Cuban Policy Is Regarded With Payor.

Washington, Oct. 27.-Developments in Cuba within the next 30 days will definitely determine President McKinley's attitude upon the Spanish question, but he expects no trouble. The administration looks with favor on Spain's change of policy, and believes the ministry is sincere in its endeavor to bring about a speedy termination of the strife in Cuba by granting substantial reforms.

While not fully advised as to Spain's reply to Secretatry Sherman's note, presented by Minister Woodford in September, its general character is known here, and it is not articipated by the president that any friction will arise between the two countries as a result of the exchange of notes.

The prime object the president had in view when General Woodford went to Madrid was bringing about an improved condition of affairs in Cuba before congress reassembled. Spain's reply and her instructions to the new captain-general of Cuba will show an advanced step in that direction.

But the administration is more concerned about the rapid change of policy than it is about the character of Spain's reply to Minister Woodford's representations. The government has no reason of six miles, between Far Rockaway to fear that Spain will take an aggressive stand against the United States. On the contrary, it is sure of a note friendly and conciliatory in tone. The president realizes, however, the danger of further agitation by congress and a er, jumped from the Louisville & Jef. further disturbance of our interests if something more substantial than these mere promises of Spain to grant genuine autonomy cannot be furnished when the new session begins.

It can hardly be expected that General Blanco within a month after his arrival will be able to end the war, but if it can be shown that an advanced step has been taken in that direction, President McKinley may, by forwarding the correspondence which has passed and calling attention to an improved condition in Cuba, be able to pacify congress long enough to give Spain a chance to thoroughly establish her new reforms. Hence it appears that the wording of the president's forthcoming message depends mainly upon the immediate effect of General Blanco's arrival in Havana, the promulgation of and Mare Island, and that a floating an amnesty proclamation, of new autonomist reforms and the abandonment of the reconcentra lo policy.

FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT.

Ancient Document Found in Recently

Unearthed Papyri. Denver, Oct. 27.-Dr. Cobern, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, who has recently returned from England, tells January, and gives out information which is new to the world. This is that in the logia, which was unearthed by Messrs. Grennfel and Hunt under the direction of Dr. Flinders Petrie, of Oxford university, last January, there was found beside the notebook leaf, containing what purported to be the savings of Jesus Christ, a leaf from the New Testament. The leaf contained nearly the whole of the first chapter of Matthew, and was written exactly the cued.

Dr. Cobern says that this is our earliest record of the Bible, and that in the 61 baskets of papyri that were taken out there may be found a copy of the at the opera house in Butte, Mont. In scriptures. He also points out what a the closing scene Griffith's sword struck blow to infidelism it might be, and what a strengthening of the Christian cause. He says there is no doubt of tending from above one eye across the the genuineness of these findings; that such critics as Professor Harmack and Thompson have passed upon them and declare that they could not have been written later than 200 A. D.

DR. NANSEN IN NEW YORK.

Tendered a Reception by the American Geographical Society.

New York, Oct. 26. - Dr. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, arrived tonight on the steamship Lucania. He was taken off the steamer at quarantine. He received an invitation to be present at a reception tendered by the American Geographical Society at Chickering hall tonight. Dr. Nansen was due at the hall Greek council in session at Okmulgee. at 8:30 p. m., and arrived 10 minutes A patrol of dervish horsemen raided ahead of time. His entrance was the a village seven miles from Berber, kill- signal for the heartiest applause, the

A gold medal was presented to Dr.

Lieuteant Peary and Captain D L. Brainard, of the United States army,

Decision Reversed.

Carson, Nev., Oct. 27.-The supreme court reversed the decision awarding damages against the Western Union Telegraph Company to the plaintiff ment, which has just been reversed.

Hot Fighting Probable. Simla, Oct. 37 .- Official dispatches from Khangarbur received today state the advance upon Semagha pass on both sides, in which the insurgent much discussion at the Spanish capital tribes are collecting in great force, and on the subject of an alliance between where furious fighting is expected to Spain and Portugal, reported to be in occur, will be resumed tomorrow. The process of negotiation. The Portu- position taken up by the enemy is of guese minister of marine, who is now the strongest description. Tribesmen in Madrid, has expressed the belief are expected to make the most deter-

DROWNED LIKE RATS

Terrible Accident on New York Cenrtal Railroad.

TRAIN PLUNGES INTO THE HUDSON

Twenty-Eight Lives Were Lost-Disaster Caused by the Giving Way of an Embankment.

Garrison's, N. Y., Oct. 26.-From he sleep that means refreshment and rest to the eternal sleep that knows no awakening plunged in the twinkling of an eye this morning 28 souls, men, women and children. In the slimy bed of the Hudson river a train laden with slumbering humanity plowed, dragging through the waters the passengers. There was nothing to presage the terrible accident which so suddenly deprived these unfortunates of life.

The New York Central train left Buffalo last night, and had progressed nearly nine-tenths of the distance toward its destination. The engineer and his fireman had just noted the gray dawn breaking from the east and the light streak of red denoting the sun's appearance, when the great engine, a servant of the rails, plunged into the depths of the river. Neither engineer nor fireman will ever tell the story of that terrible moment. With hand upon the throttle the engineer plunged with his engine to the river's bottom, and the fireman, too, was at his post. Behind them came the express car, the combination car and the sleepers, and these piled on top of the engine.

It is known that it was a trifle foggy and that the track was not visible, but if there was any break in the lines of steel it must have been of very recent happening, for only an hour before there passed over it a heavy passenger train laden with human freight. Neither is an explanation ready. All is conjecture. The section of road was supposed to be the very best on the entire division. There was a great, heavy retaining wall all along the bank, and, while the tide was high yesterday, it was not unprecedented. What seems to have happened was that underneath the tracks and ties the heavy wall had given way. When the great weight of the engine struck the unsupported tracks it went crashing through the rest of the wall and toppled over into the river.

Then there happened what on the railroad at any other time would have caused disaster, but now proved a very blessing. As the train plunged over the embankment, the coupling that held the last three of the six sleepers broke broken track. In that way some 60 lives were saved.

Following is a list of the dead as far s ascertained up to midnight:

Thomas Reilly, of St. Louis. E. A. Green, of Chicago. W. H. Myers, of Tremont, N. J. Woman, unidentified. Woman, unidentified. Guiseppe Paduano, of New York. W. S. Becker, of Newark, N. J. Unknown man, died while being res-

General Superintendent Van Etten; body supposed to be in the wreck. John Folye, engineer of East Albany;

John Q. Tompkins, fireman, of East Albany; body not recovered.

body not recovered.

Wong Gin and eight unidentified Chinese, Of eye-witnesses there were none ex-

cept the crew of a tugboat passing with tow. They saw the train, with its light, as it came flashing about the curves, and then saw the greater part of it go into the river. Some of the cars with closed windows floated, and the tug, whistling for help, cast off its hawser and started to the rescue.

A porter jumped from one of the cars that remained on the track and ran into the yard of Augustus Carr's bouse, near which the accident occurred, and stood screaming for help, and meaning: 'The train is in the river; all our passengers are drowned!"

In a few minutes Carr had dressed himself, and getting a boat, rowed of the Dominion of Canada, the senate, with the porter to the scene. As they turned a point into the bank, they came upon the express car and the combination car floating about 20 feet from the shore, but sinking every minute. One man was taken from the top of the ate almost two years ago. car, and efforts were made to rescue wonnded on.

The day coach and smoker had gone condition must have been horrible. The car turned completely over, and lower end must have fought like fiends for a brief period, for the bodies, when proceed. taken out, were a mass of wounds.

The closing scene of the first day of accident, where nearly a score of badly mutilated bodies, none of them yet row, grewsome evidences of the disaster, demand. the greatest that has ever occurred on the railroad.

Total number of known dead, 19; estimated number of dead, 28.

A New Trial for Luctgert.

A BIG EXPEDITION.

Klondike Party With 245 Horse Leaves Yaklma for Victoria

North Yakima, Wash., Oct. 27 .-One of the greatest of the Klondike expeditions yet organized made a preliminary start from this city today, through the shipment of 10 carloads of horses, numbering 245 head, and 23 men, headed by J. W. Cameron. They go to Seattle, and will sail tomorrow from Victoria by the Bark Colorado, which has been chartered and especially fitted for this purpose. Few supplies will be taken at Seattle other than those shipped from Portland, the main outfitting being done at Victoria, where 125 head of cattle will be loaded.

The expedition is backed by Boston capital, and the men employed are under one and two-year contracts. They will take the Dalton trail, and each animal other than those to be used for saddle purposes will have an equipment of pack saddle and sled. Even the cattle are to be used in the transportation of supplies. Permanent stations are to be established along the trail, and it is the intention to kill the horses when they are no longer of service for packlng, freeze the meat and, by means of sleds, take it to the gold-producing regions, where from 30 cents per pound unwards is expected to be realized. Forty wagons will also be taken for use in the first 18 miles after leaving Pyramid harbor, and then bobsleds will be utilized for transportation over the snow and ice.

The men taken from here are mainly packers, miners and mountaineers, who are insured to all kinds of Thardships. Their contracts specify that they shall have sleeping-bags, rubber and canvas clothing, tents and everything necessary to give them as much comfort as possible in the region to which they are going. A provision in the contract of many of them is that they shall be outfitted for a year's prospecting on shares. Some think the plans are chimerical, but those who are in charge of the expedition are Alaskan pioneers, who thoroughly understand their business, and the financial backing is unquestioned.

A GLOOMY TALE.

Starvation and Death Staring Many in the Face at Dawson

Victoria, Oct. 27 .- Miners who came down on the Farallon from Dyea, and who left Dawson City about 40 days ago, say that the day before they left Hansen, one of the managers of the Alaska Commercial Company arrived in a canone and told of the abandonment of the efforts to get food up the river. Fully 400 miners at once made preparations to start out over the trail, but the citizens' committee refused to allow them sufficient provisions for and they miraculously remained on the the journey, so, save those who had already started, all will have to remain five years ago. and share in the privations at Dawson.

Charles Fries, of Tacoma, who came out with Bert Woods and Archie Burns, says that besides the famine, a mysterious disease has broken out which is carrying off five men daily. Twenty-four hours after the victim is attacked he turns black from the waist to the throat and in two days, in a majority of cases, is dead.

On the way over the Dalton trail, boats bound down. He estimated that river with from four to seven men each. The Fries party was the last to leave Dawson. At Five Finger rapids they fell in with the party headed by Kay Stuart, of New York, which left five days before, and caught up with the party made up of John Fry, F. L. and J. Trippe and C. Holden, of New York, with an Indian guide. The party ran short of food and for four days none had any food save an owl which they shot and some soup made A few sales are reported from Polk from a rawhide strap which they were county at 15 cents, and it is stated on using in packing their goods.

The Farallon brought down about \$20,000 in gold.

The Alaska Boundary. Washington, Oct. 27 .- It is believed here that, in view of the great promi- at these figures, the orders have been nence Alaska has achieved, owing to recalled. the recent gold discoveries, and the impertance of definitely fixing the boundary line between our territory and that when it assembles in December, will take early action on the treaty pending between Great Britain and the United States and marking off the 141st meridian. This treaty was sent to the sen-

The work of adjusting the differthose inside. A few were gotten out, ences between the countries regarding hats in places of public amusement. the passengers left on the track making the southeastern line has been in proga human bridge to the shore to take the ress for two years. In 1893, each gov- 200 cases of Japanese tea, recently down in deep water, and rescue was line runs, and each made the geograph- tor says the tea has apparently once impossible. In the latter coach the ical maps of the country, which were been used. submitted to the government December 31, 1895. These commissioners, the passenger end of it was deep in the however, had no power to propose a water, while the baggage end stood up settlement. Their work was confined towards the surface. The men in that strictly to furnishing information upon the test proves successful the grass will which subsequent negotiations could be largely sown for sheep fodder.

The Porte's Demand Ignored.

One Method of Pacification.

weekly report to Surgeon-General Wyman, Sanitary Inspector Brunner, of the marine hospital service, reports put Luetgert on trial for a second time 22 for the week ended October 14. He some day next week. New evidence also reports rapid increase in intestinal

NORTHWEST BREVITIES

Evidence of Steady Growth and Enterprise.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

From All the Cities and Towns the Thriving Sister States -Oregon.

A fishing crew caught between 800 and 1,000 herring in one night last week, in Yaquina bay. A farmer of Malheur county, this

year sold 73,000 pounds of wool and 52 head of choice beef cattle. Eighteen thousand dollars in gold

bullion was the output of the Bonanza mine in Baker county last month. The Ashland iron works are working on a \$1,500 order for pulleys, shafting,

etc., from the Sissons Lumber & Mer-

cantile Company. The keel for the Alaska Gold Mining & Navigation Company's boat that is being built in the Siuslaw, near Florence, measures 125 feet in length. There are now 1,200 signers in

Astoria to the petition for the bridge

across Young's bay. Only about 1,400

names are required to put the measure through. Among Mr. Dade's sheep on Birch creek, in Umatilla county, is a lamb with only one ear and one eye. It was born thus, and is fully developed in

every other respect. Contractor Jacobson, who is working on the jetties on Coos bay and on the Siuslaw, has about 130 men employed. He says his contracts will be

finished in two or three months. There are no empty houses in Vale, Malheur county. Several farmers have been compelled to give up the idea of living in town in order to send their children to school, because of the lack of houses.

The run of chinooks in Coos bay was light last week, and silversides were scarce also. There has been a great improvement, however, in the last few days, and boats on the lower bay are making good catches.

One day last week Hume's fishing crew at the mouth of Rogue river made a regular old-time catch of salmen, raking in 3,750 at one haul of the seine. There is a large run of salmon coming into Sixes river, in Curry county.

A fish eight or nine inches long and somewhat resembling the Sound mackerel is being caught along the water front in Astoria. No one seems to know just of what specie it is, but such a fish was seen in these waters about

There is greater activity witnessed in and around Drain this fall than has been seen here before for years. New buildings are being built, old ones repaired, sidewalks made and improved, empty houses are rapidly filling up, a brick kiln of over 100,000 is always ready for burning, and thousands of cords of wood are being handled by woodmen.

which in many places runs along the Yukon's bank, Fries' party met many A disease called glanders is causing in Paradise. Wallowa county. The about 300 boats are going down the people there have asked the county court to order the stock inspector to that place to take steps to prevent the spread of the disease. At this particular time, however, the county is without a stock inspector, but the matter will be attended to at the next session of the court.

Movement of the hop crop has not vet started, except on sales contracted before barvest, and neither buyers nor growers are able to say when it will. good authority that 1516 cents has been offered in Salem for choice hops. The price, generally offered, however, is from 13 to 13 1/2 cents. This, growers are unwilling to take, and in some instances, agents having failed to buy

Washington.

The Lincoln county tax levy has been fixed at 16 mills.

county, is cutting 170,000 shingles in offices of the Oceanic Steamship com-11 hours. This is at the rate of over 150,000 in 10 hours.

By a vote of 10 to 4, the Tacoma city council passed an ordinance making it imperative for women to remove their

Tea Inspector Palmer has rejected ernment appointed a commission to brought to Seattle on the Nippon Yusurvey the territory through which this sen liner, Kinshui Maru. The inspec-

> A farmer of Yakima will this fall sow a lot of the much-talked-of Bermuda grass, which is said to thrive on dry hilly ground without irrigation. If

Tests made at the Washington state agricultural college of beets grown on The porte has demanded the recall of irrigated lands in Yakima county unthis tragedy is drawn around a common two American missionaries from the der the system of experiments inaugurcar that stands near the scene of the province of Aleppo, on the pretext that ated by the Northern Pacific, show a their mission for the distribution of re- range of from 14 to 2016 per cent of lief is likely to cause disturbances. The sugar, with an average above 18 per claimed by friends, are lying in a long United States legation has ignored the cent. These results are said to be very satisfactory.

Thurston county will build a steel bridge with 200-foot span across the Washington, Oct. 27.-In his last Chehalis river, near Grand Mound.

During the past week grain has been pouring in from the fields to the warehouses and mills in Dayton, and they Chicago, Oct. 26.—State's Attorney seven deaths from starvation in Hav- are now nearly filled to overflowing. Deneen late this afternoon decided to ana, for the week ended October 7, and Very little grain is being sold or shipped, the farmers desiring to hold for a higher price. Most of them want to charged for disability. has been discovered, it is said, relating diseases, due to contracted food supply, hold for 75 cents, but if that price is to testimony of three witnesses for the and estimates that two-fifths of the reached again and the market has a total deaths of the city are due to this tendency to go still higher, they would no doubt still continue to hold.

DEATH IN THE GALE.

Schooner Caspar Wrecked on the California Coast.

Point Arena, Cal., Oct. 26.-Thirteen seamen, comprising almost the entire crew of the schooner Caspar, were drowned early this morning by the wreck of their vessel. The rocky shore in this vicinity was strewn with wreckage today, but there was no way of identifying the ship until this evening, when two men from shore, who had gone out in a small host to secure any of the crew who might still be alive, picked up Captain Anfindsen and Seamen Chris Larsen, who had been floating about on an improvised raft for over 14 hours.

To his rescuers, Adolph Peterson and Henry Anderson, the captain said the bark struck on a reef this morning and seven minutes later capsized. When she tipped over, all the crew were washed overboard. The steamer carried 15 men, but from the moment the accident occurred the captain has seen none of his crew except his companion, Larsen, and has no doubt that the other 13 have all been lost.

When thrown into the water, Anfindsen and Larsen by good fortune were enabled to raft some pieces of floating timber. They succeeded in drawing the boards together, and clung to the improvised raft from the time of the accident until late this afternoon, while the storm beat about them, being exposed to the most fearful gale of the season. They had almost succumbed from cold, exposure and exhaustion, and were with great difficulty saved by their rescuers.

The sea has been so high all day that it has been impossible to launch a boat from shore, and even this evening the two men who went out and accomplished the rescue risked their lives in the breakers.

Later in the evening the steamer Alcazar cruised about the scene of the wreck, but could find no trace of the other seamen.

This is a very dangerous locality for shipping, and when a vessel is once thrown on the rocks she is certain to be doomed, and there is little chance

for the escape of her unfortunate crew. The Caspar sailed from San Francisco yesterday for Usal, where she was to load lumber for San Francisco. She was owned by the Caspar Lumber Company, and registered 300 tons.

The drowned are: Morris Peterson, first mate. Andrew Anderson, second mate. George Offerman, chief engineer. John Kuhn, assistant engineer. N. C. Helverson, seaman.

Louis Bruce, seaman. The cook, name unknown, and five others whose names are also unknown.

THE NOTE ANSWERED.

Power to End the War. Madrid, Oct. 26 .- In the special note to Minister Woodford, the government declares that Spain has done all in her power to end the war in Cuba, and cites the many sacrifices which have been made by the nation, the number of troops sent to Cuba, and the reforms

Spain Says She Has Done All in Her

which are carried out on the island, which are fully described. The note ends with the statement that "Spain will not admit the right of any foreign power to interfere in any

of her affairs." El Tempo publishes with reserve the announcement that the reply of the Spanish government to the United States, presented to General Woodford, the American minister at Madrid, declares that, if the United States does not stop the sailing of filibustering expeditions from American ports, Spain will re-establish the right to search ves-

sels anchoring in Cuban waters. El Liberal thinks a rupture possible as the result of negotiations between Spain and the United States, and thinks Spain cught to avoid this rupture, so far as duty and honor permit, but that the government should act in a spirit of moderation and that the nation will under no circumstances authorize a renunciation of Spain's rights.

Australians Klondike Crazy.

San Francisco, Oct. 26 .- Australia will add its share of goldhunters to the Klondike region next year. When The shingle mill in Kelso, Cowlitz the Alameda sailed from Sydney the pany were being besieged with miners anxious to get to the new land of gold. Hundreds of letters a day were being received, asking for information about the land of glaciers and treasure. A lengthy circular containing the general information that was sought was prepared and copies of it were sent to inquirers.

It is thought by the officers of the Alameda that the next steamer will come to this port crowded with goldhunters for the Yukon.

Fatal New York Fire.

New York, Oct. 26 .- Two men lost their lives in a fire today on Broadway. near Ninth. When the bodies were found, one was in a standing position, the upper part of the body being over a beam. The other was at a front window, indicating that the man had struggled to reach air and escape the flames. The fire was in a three-story brick building, owned by the Saitor's Snug Harbor estate, and occupied by the laundry of Gardner & Vail. The loss is \$25,000.

An Aged Soldier.

Valparaiso, Ind., Oct. 20.-Uncle Charles Decker, the oldest man in Portoco, and probably the oldest soldier of the late war, is dead. He was 99 years old. During the war, at that time being 61 years old, he enlisted in company I, Nineteenth Indiana cavalry, serving one year, when he was dis-

Apples, pears and plums when taken without sugar diminish rather than increase the acidity of the stomach.