BY TELEGRAPH TO BATE

Two men were killed by a powder ex-plosion at Acton, Mass., on the 10th. Henry Merritt, a laborer, was killed y a wall falling on him at Elmira, N.

Y., recently. Hon. Walter G. Gresham of Indiana was appointed postmaster-general by the President.

The roundhouse and machine shops of the Northwestern railway burned at Winona, Minn., April 11th.

James Williams was killed in a mine near Nevada City, Nev., on the 10th, by a large boulder falling on him.

Parts of Arkansas was visited by a cyclone on the 9th, blowing down houses, ferces, bridges and whole forests.

At Rochester, N. Y., on the 10th, one man was killed and several injured by a brick wall of a new building falling down.

A St. Petersburg dispatch of April 10th says: The great trial of nihilists has begun. Three of the accused act as their own counsel. The others retain lawyers. A Dublin dispatch of April 10th says: A number of arrests have been made in

connection with the murder of Lydens, committed two years ago, and of Constable Kavanaugh. At a meeting of the Republican cen-tral committee of the district of Columbia, resolutions were adopted favoring a

movement to secure restoration of suffrage for the citizens of Washington. A Minneapolis dispatch of April 10th says: One of the worst and heaviest snow storms of the winter is now in progress. Street car travel is suspended for the first time this winter. Railroad

trains are greatly delayed. The storm is general throughout the state. A St. Petersburg dispatch of April 11th says: Several officers of the Russian army will soon be tried for nihilism, owing to the discovery of the meaning of

cipher letters embodied in some of Prince Krapotkin's documents, which were given into the hands of the Russian government by the French authorities. In the Pennsylvania legislature a bill was introduced to prohibit the manufacture and sale of infernal machines and devices to destroy life and injure prop-

erty. A bill was introduced preventing attempt to personate or represent any being recognized as a divinity in the new or old Testament, in any show or theatrical performance.

On account of the reported existence of yellow fever in Cuba and other south ern islands, the national board of health at Washington has decided to establish quarantine stations on the southern coast earlier than usual this year. It is pro-posed to open stations at New Orleans on the first proximo. Those at other southern ports will be opened not later than

A Hermosillo, Mexico, dispatch of April 11th says: Ninety-three persons have been killed in this state since the Apache outbreak, of which twenty-seven were Americans. It is believed that many killed are not yet reported. At Palmo rancho ten were killed last Tuesday. Two women were hung up by the hands and ripped open. From one a child was teken. It was found mangled at the mother's feet. The bodies of the men were horribly mangled.

A San Francisco dispatch of April 11th says: The official statement of the property of the Oregon and Transcontinental published here to-day, shows the following holding: Northern Pacific common, 260,000 shares, \$13,000,000 value; Northern Pacific preferred, 130,000 shares, value \$15,300,000; Oregon Navigation, 95,000 shares, value \$13,000,000; cash items, \$4,300,000; total value, \$45,700,000; capital stock issued, \$35,000,000.

A Wellington, Kansas, dispatch of April 11th says: A posse led by Deputy U. S. Marshal Hollister this forenoon sur rounded a party of Texas horse thieves seven miles south of the state line, below Hunnewell. Demanding their surren-der, they were fired on by the despera-does, and returned the fire, killing Sam Ross and wounding J. Ross, after which the father of the boys, an old man at the head of the gang, surrendered. The two prisoners and the dead man were brought to this city. The party consisted of six men, but three of them were out of camp and were not captured. The horses in their possession were stolen from Clare county, Texas.

Judge Gresham was qualified as postmaster-general at Washington April 12th. Of course the oath of office was administered by Judge Lawrenson, one of the clerks in the department. Whether the post-master-general's cath would be binding if taken before any one else than Judge Lawrenson, is a mooted question in the department. It would certainly be a great violation of ancient precedent, and there is little doubt that the shock of such a violation would be fatal to the venerable notary, who has been employed in the department ever since 1833, and who has administered the oath of office to nineteen consecutive postmastergenerals, beginning with Cave Johnson in 1845. The same bible has been used on each occasion. It is a small, thick, clumsy copy of the scriptures, in small type, printed at Hartford in 1831, and looks almost as venerable as its owner.

The brig Letitia, which arrived in New York from Maracaybo, Venezuela, reports that on March 27th, at 3 a. M., a revolution party headed by Boyer Bozel-ais and Gen. Burlow, with a lot of men well equipped with Winchester 12shooters, took the town without opposition. On landing the general assured the people that they had nothing to fear. To all who joired them he gave Remington rifles. Most of the able-bodied men joined him. He began immediately to fortify the town in such a way as to show the people that he meant to hold the town against any attack. The roads leading to the town were barricaded with rrels two or three tiers high and filled with sand. Most of the women and children, and the sick and lame, who were afraid of the burning of the town, were put upon four vessels lying in port. Up to the morning of the 29th no attack was made by the government forces. No one was allowed to leave the town on

Sitting Bull is reported to have joined he Catholic church.

The Democrats of Georgia nominated H. D. McDaniels, of Walton county, for governor. The rainfall in New Orleans recently

was quite heavy, 11.45 inches falling in 56 hours. A fire at Bordeaux April 12th com pletely destroyed the military bake house and a large quantity of provisions

and military stores. The Continental oil works at Denver were destroyed by fire April 12th. The loss is estimated at \$125,000; partly insured in several companies.

The Chinese consul writes that if Chinese children are excluded from the public schools of the state of California, the Chinese will refuse to pay poll tax, amounting to \$175,000, which helps to support the schools.

Ezra H. Heywood, of Boston, charged with sending obscene matter through the mails, made a five hours' address to the jury, explaining his principles, and the jury after two hours' deliberation, declared him not guilty.

An Ottawa dispatch of April 12th says: The Indians who crossed from Minnesota into Canada are being decimated by smallpox. Three hun lred are reported The remainder are on their way to Portage la Prairie.

A Rangoon dispatch of April 12th says: A disastrous fire occurred to-day at Madalay, Burmah. One thousand buildings were destroyed, including residences of several cabinet ministers. Two prisoners were burned to death in cells.

The London papers of April 12th re port a terrible catastrophe in the theater at Rivello, caused by an explosion of gas. A performance was in progress at the time, and the theater was crowded. Many were killed in the panic which en-

A Booth Bay, Maine, dispatch of April 11th says: The extensive buildings of the Knickerbocker company, and its engine houses, hay and storehouses, were totally destroyed by fire and 60,000 tons of ice ruined to day. Wharves were also destroyed.

The Irish members of the house of commons on ministerial benches will make a united petition to the English government, setting forth the most urgent necessity of meeting the distress in Ireland, owing to the inadequate supply of food.

The banquet of physicians of New York to Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes recently, was a notable affair. Whitelaw Reid, George William Curtis and William Evarts were among the guests who responded to sentiments. Dr. Holmes made his response in a poem.

The San Francisco Commercial Herald in a tabulated statement of the foreign import trade of that city for the first quarter of the year, shows that it was nearly a million and a half larger than that of the corresponding period of last year. Yokohama and Hongkong were the principal points of import.

A Lynchburg dispatch of April 12th says: Early this morning 100 disguised persons attacked the jail at Wytheville, coerced the sheriff into a surrender of the keys, and took Wm. Crockett from the jail and hanged him from a beam in the outskirts of town. Crockett was awaiting trial for the murder of Josh F.

Hunt in Wytheville. A Bakersfield dispatch of April 12th says: Daniel Sweeney was assassinated to-night about 7:30, on our main street. He was shot in the back of the head with a pistol. He was about 20 years of age, and is from San Francisco. He was a laborer, and recently worked on a farm in this vicinity. The assassin is sup-posed to be one Pat Fitzgerald.

A London dispatch of April 12th says: At a banquet at the Mansion house last evening Lord Alcestor enlogized Admiral Nicholson, and said: "Although representing a country thousands of miles away, he is still very near an Englishman in blood. I will never forget the cheers with which the men on the gallant admiral's ship greeted English sailors whilst steering around our squadron at the time of the bombardment of Alexandria. He did everything in his power to aid us."

A Washington dispatch of April 12th says: It is believed that the British government has made strong exertions to induce the United States to co-operate in the proposed system of surveillance. whereby Americans suspected of conspiring against what is termed the peace of Great Britain may be detected and prevented from carrying out their purposes. The British minister has represented to this government that troublesome class of persons with which her majesty's government has to contend are Americans of Irish descent, who connubiate in every possible manner for Irish independence. Her majesty's representative was fully informed some time prior to the departure of the president of the policy of this govern-ment with respect to the surrender of persons on American soil accused by England of the committal of public offenses. All prisoners who under the extradition laws can be shown to have committed crimes in England will, after compliance with just forms, be surrendered to that government in accordance with the treaty. In every case Great Britain must submit satisfactory evidence of the guilt of the person accused before the surrender will be made. Suspicion or presumption of guilt will not do. Identification must be positive. The cabinet has fully considered this question. That England has for years past been an asylum for the vilest class of political offenders is known to history and is remembered by the administration, and it does not propose to deny to persons living within the borders of the United States a just and equal protection of laws. In the case of Sheridan the British government evidently hoped to secure his possession without full compliance with the extradition laws, and the fact that he has not been arrested is rights of American citizens in Ireland will be protected under the laws to the best of this government's ability. All negotiations between the two powers

#### SELECTED MISCELLANY.

Muhlenberg county, Kentucky, with taxable property amounting to about a million and a half, is said to have a debt of eight hundred thousand dollars.

A Chinaman of Louisville has sued the Courier Journal and Commercial for libel, they having published that he kept an opium den and a house of ill-fame.

A man named Hanson was found dead on the road near Lost creek, Nev., re-cently. He had fallen off a lumber a load of lumber while drunk and broken his need.

The Mormons at Salt Lake appointed 194 missionaries at their late conference. They are commissioned to go to the Southern and Western states, Europe, Australia, Mexico and the Sandwich

Alfred Barton, the colored boy arrested for turning the railroad switch at Swingle's landing, near Woodland, has been held to answer. The superior court will determine whether his offense shall be considered a felony or a misdemeanor.

England has very severe tramp laws. The New England state laws of this class, some of them, notably those of New Hampshire, very oppressive statutes, are, like many things in New England, copied in substance from English statute

books. When Uniontown, a suburb of Washiugton, D. C., was laid out, twenty-five years ago, the owner issued orders that no lot should ever be allowed to become the property of a negro. That man's own former home is in the center of a town from which the colored race was to be excluded, is now owned and occupied by Frederick Douglass.

In the Canadian commons recently Homer moved a resolution in favor of reciprocity with the Hawaiian Islands. Formerly a large trade was done between British Columbia and the Sandwich Islands, but since the United States has established reciprocity trade relations with the islands, British Columbia trade has fallen off almost to nothing.

The Chinese in Melbourne, in Australia, have started several establishments for collecting cats. The trade is shrouded in mystery, for, so far, no one has been able to discover for what purpose the poor tabbies are used. It is not likely that they are used for food, because the collectors prefer old cats to kittens, and pay as much as 25 cents a head for fine 1d toms.

After serving an eight years' sentence in the penitentiary for killing the man who insulted the young woman to whom he was engaged, a Nashville man is about to marry the woman, now no longer young, for whose sake he commit-ted homicide. With true womanly fidelity she has remained true to him, writing often to him, and sending him many delcacies and sweet remembrances.

A good Christian mother in Middletown explained to her little boy, as he was retiring, the efficacy of prayer, and told him that if he would ask God for anything he particularly desired she had no doubt bis request would be granted. The little fellow knelt at his mother's knee and prayed God to send him 50 little sisters and 100 little brothers. The prayer was never finished.

A certrin section of St. Louis is terri-All sorts of uncanny origins are ascribed rible, for in the language of one of the journals of that filthy city, it has in it "a death song in the cruel depths of a saus-

age machine." Several years ago a few gray squirrels were placed in Central Park, New York. They have multiplied so rapidly that it been found necessary to thin them out, and the attendants were instructed on Saturday last to go gunning for them to-day. One of the charges against them is that they rob the birds' nest. The children are getting up a petition asking the commissioners to spare a few of the "bunnies" at least, as they are as interesting as birds, and a great deal cuter.

Ellen Conway, who for many years stood at the corner of Broadway and Maiden Lane, New York, selling papers, was found dead in her dreary room on Sunday morning. On searching her bed \$50 in money was found and two bank books showing deposits amounting to \$6,700. She had no relatives as far as known, neither any friends in whom she confided any of her history. No matter how cold or disagreeable the weather she could be found at the corner, and always did a good trade, mainly through sympathy.

A number of cattle which a 12-year-old Dakota boy was watching were destroyed by a prairie fire six years ago. As the lad could not be found, it was supposed that he had likewise perished. One day last week he surprised his old employer by walking in and handing him a check for the full value of the cattle. Ho said he was afraid they might think the loss was occasioned by his carelessness, and went down into Colorado, got a job of herding and saved his money until he had enough to square the account.

Not long since an aged and very pop ular Irishman died at Eglington, near Londondery. The usual services were observed, the coffin taken to the country and buried in the presence of a large concourse of people. On returning home the relatives of the deceased were amazed to find the old woman lying on the bed upon which she had died, nobody having thought to put her in the coffin. The body was subsequently taken in a cart to the grave, the coffin was raised, the corpse was placed in in it and it was again lowered to its place.

A unique relic of the rebellion was recently sent to Mr. A. G. White, of Pittsburg, formerly of the Thirtieth Penns vlvania Volunteers, by his old messmate, John Huffman. The night before the battle of the Pines they stole out of camp in search of some to eat, and presently regarded as evidence that the plans of returned with the carcass of a heifer the British authorities are baffled. The which they had found among the underbrush. The orders against foraging were so strict at that time that after the flesh had been distributed prudence required that the bones should be taken out of camp and buried, Huffman re-cently visited the battlefield, and, after a have been carried on in a friendly spirit, but the administration has firmly insisted search, succeeded in finding the heifer's grave, from whirn he took the skull and upon a strict compliance by Great Britain, in every particular, with the letter of the existing law. horns and sent them to his comrade.

The Romance of Alexander H. Stephens'

In one of the early years of the 40s Mr. Stephens, then a young man, paid a visit to the home of Mr. Darden, in Warren county. There he met a flaxenhaired, blue-eyed girl of sixteen, beautiful in face and lovely in character; piquant, witty, and gifted with a mind rarely cultivated. An attachment grew up, which for years did not pass the formal bounds of friendship, but which was sacredly cherished by both. The boy lover was poor in this world's goods; fragile in frame and harassed by sick ness, he did not dare to aspire to the hand of one he had learned to love and yet forebode to claim. With womanly devotion the young girl read the secret in the young man's eyes, and true to her heart she could only-wait and love.

One evening in 1849 a party was given at the residence of Mr. Little, in Crawfordsville. There the two met once more; there they enjoyed that sweet communion born of perfect trust, and there Mr. Stephens found courage to speak the words which for years had fought for expression, until at last he could no longer contain them.

"Are you sure that there lives none other whom you prefer to me?" asked the maiden, timidly, half-shrinkingly, yet only too happy to feel that she was favored in his eyes.

"In the whole universe there exists

not one," said he, passionately.

Thus their troth was plighted; the day was set for their marriage, and all seemed ausploious for the lovers. But clouds lowered o'er their hopes; matters of a private nature, which it is not within the domain of the public to know, in-tervened and deferred the fruition of their hopes. The one became immersed in politics, and, racked with physical ills, hesitated to enter a state where he feared the happiness of the other might be marred. The lady found her duty by the side of an invalid mother, who long lingered with a confining disease. Thus the years flew by; but the plighted troth was kept. Mr. Stephens never addressed another, and ever kept the image of the fair young girl in his heart. The lady was the recipient of admiration from

many, but to all she turned a deaf ear. They have often met since, and, while the idea of marriage was abandoned, they felt a sweet pleasure in each other's so ciety. But two weeks ago the lady was at the mansion, and on taking leave of her old friend one of the chairs tripped up, an unfavorable sign as the Governor remarked at the time. The lady has for years been a citizen of Atlanta, and no one is held more in esteem for every quality which adorns womanhood than Miss Caroline Wilkinson.-Atlanta Constitution.

#### Mrs. Leslie's Labors.

A New York letter contains the following: Mrs. Leslie occupies a dainty library on the second floor, in the midst of books, pictures and papers. Here she sits at her deak seven hours a day, editing, arranging, assorting, selecting, correcting, directing. She is still in uniform black. Men appear, ask questions and vanish. On her right are a pile of letters and a check book; before her a number of sketches in ink from which she is to make up her magazine. She fied with an unearthly noise, which still keeps going the round dozen of penightly assails the ears of its inhabitants. riodicals which her husband bequeathed to her, and she takes some natural pride it, but so far no satisfactory explana- in the fact that she has in three years tion has been presented. It must be ter- put a bankrupt establishment on its feet, so that it now yields her \$100,000 a year. More than 300 hands are employed in touch of sadness tenderer than the chorus this great building in the work of bringof nineteen yellar dogs singing their ing out illustrated reading matter, and another large building outside is filled with the electrotype plates which have been used. All of these are kept, and can be found at once when wanted. have photographs," said Mrs. Leslie, "of all living persons of any prominence. To-day I have received this package," lifting from the desk a parcel of photographs in a cloth envelope, "of the imper al family of Russia -- more than thirty pictures. We have photographs of all the great palaces of Europe and Asia, of all the royal houses and of many of the dwelling houses of the nobility. ceive new ones every day in the year. We have all the great buildings of China. Of these persons and palaces, theaters, hotels and buildings we have a public buildings we have a vast library, and when one of the personages dies or when one of the buildings is destroyed or is the scene of a notable event, there we we have it. We can bring out a picture without delay. Besides this we have fluancial arrangements with artists in every large city in the world, who represent us there in case anything important occurs suddenly, an irregular staff of three hundred.'

## Effect of Dress Upon Personal Appear

The fashion of the form of a dress is frequently followed without any regard to the propriety of its adoption; but this is quite contrary to good taste. Nothing can look much more absurd than a short, stout figure adorned with a superfluity of flounces and trimmings; yet the power of fashion forces such exhibitions into continual notice. But even when fashion has decreed that the flounces and trimmings shall be worn, such a figure need not be made ridiculous-the trimmings, in such a case, should be placed as low as possible, and the dress should be de very long. The body should be as long as convenient, and made to fit tight; if the dress then hangs in graceful folds, it will add much to the appearance of length. The arrangements of the upper part of the person can also be made to add to, or diminish, the height. Much trimming about the neck of a short, stout person must make her look shorter-her object should be to elongate the appearance of the neck. The hair, also, offers another means of apparently increasing the stature, but care must be taken not to raise the head-dress disproportionately, as this would diminish the effect intended to be produced; it should be elevated in some measures and, at the same time, be diminished as much in breadth as will be consistent with the

Since Congress refused to pass the bended whisky bill a snake eight feet long, with sixteen rattles and a button, is said to have been killed in Georgia.

To prevent sausages from bursting when cooking, never make a hole in them with a fork while turning them.

Characteristics of the Nothern Race of Red Men.

A correspondent of the San Francisco Bulletin found the natives of Alaska ex ceedingly curious to see and to know. He thus describes their methods of investigating and the rough way the whites protected themselves. He says: "We experienced no trouble from the natives except in the early part of the winter they would come and stand about our doors and windows and get in our way generally, so that they became a nui-

"When the frost gathered on our windows, they kept peep holes open by licking the frost with their tongues. This we finally got rid of by making a strong decoction of Cayenne paper and painting the outside of the glass, so that licking it was not all comfortable.

"A few of the respectable ones were occasionally let into the house, If any of these did not behave themselves, we treated them with very little ceremony so that they soon became afraid of us, and were very civil.

"At first some of them had the habit of opening the door and walking into the house as if they were its owners, and after a short time we got tired of this and put a few of them out, and by that means they have improved in their manners considerably.

"There is very little fight in them and they never stick together or stand up for each other. If you cuff one, the rest stand around and look on and laugh, and say it is 'Nakoomak' (good), and the fellow getting chastised is 'Asecruk' (bad.)

"They are not at all handsome, but then they are quite well for savages. The women when young are much better looking than the men, but all are very dirty and never dream of washing any part of their body.

"The men wear a large pair of bone buttons, like shirt studs, in their under lips, and it gives them anything but a pleasant appearance. The women tattoo their chins, which they consider a great mark of beauty, but I cannot say that I agree with them on that point."

A QUAKEB'S TERMS .- England's wealthiest baronet is said to be Sir John Rams den of Byram, Yorkshire. His rent roll is computed at \$850,000 a year. He owns almost the whole of Huddersfield, the great manufacturing center. The little bit he doesn't own was a very Naboth's vineyard to his father, who, according to popular tradition, once offered to its Quaker owner to cover it with sovereigns if he would sell it. "Edgewise, friend Ramsden?" quoth the Quaker; "in that case it is thine; otherwise all Huddersfield must still belong to thee and me. "Edgewise" was rather more than the baronet could swallow.

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