

EASTERN.

News of the Week from Beyond the Rockies.

THE DEAD HERO.

Arrangements for Logan's Funeral--The Mrs. Logan Fund.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.--The senate committee in charge of the Logan funeral arrangements met at 10 o'clock this morning, and are still in session.

THE MRS. LOGAN FUND.

Subscriptions to the fund for the benefit of Mrs. Logan received by Mr. Lemon, up to date, aggregate \$25,000.

OREGON'S INTERESTS.

The Lands of the Klamaths Not to Be Divided--Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.--With reference to the statement that a commission had been ordered to Klamath reservation to confer with the Indians as to the allotment of land in severalty, the assistant commissioner and other officials say that General Atkins certainly had in mind some other reservation, as there has not been entertained a serious thought as to the allotment of the lands further than would arise from the general policy of the department.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.

Within the past three days the following postmasters in Oregon have been appointed: Franklin T. Dick, LaGrande, vice Joseph S. Shambaugh, resigned; Glendale, Douglas county, James W. Singletary, vice William E. Dean, resigned; Mrs. Emma Looney, Klamath agency, vice Mary H. Emery, resigned.

Money Paid the O. T. Company.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.--The case of the Oregon Transcontinental company against Kuhn, Loeb, & Co., in which the former recovered a verdict of \$112,000, was settled to-day by the payment of \$100,000 by Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

Senator Dolph's Views.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.--Senator Dolph, of Oregon, was asked to-day how Oregon would stand in 1888. Said he: "My state will be emphatically republican. In 1884 I was a delegate to the national convention from Oregon, and we were instructed to vote solidly for Blaine. I think if the national convention were held to-morrow the same instructions would be carried out again. Blaine is very popular there. I think the republicans will win in the next election. New York is the pivotal state, and whichever way it goes the election will go. The labor element will be a problem for the democrats to meet and I don't think they can successfully cope with it. The temperance vote has reached its highest limit and in my opinion the republicans will not lose as many votes from that as the democrats will from the labor movement."

course of People.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.--The sleet storm of last night, which thickly enameled the pavements, gave place this morning to a heavy fog that was almost a rainfall. Two inches of thawing snow and ice which covered the ground made marching and all outdoor exercise things to be dreaded. However great crowds made their way from early morning toward the capitol, to view the remains of Gen. Logan, and the time of lying in state was too short to give opportunity for all to pass by.

At 11 o'clock the doors were closed to the general public, and while the two ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic filed in, the undertaker closed the lid of the casket.

A belated delegation of friends from Chicago arrived a few minutes later, and the casket was re-opened to enable them to take a last look at the body.

At 12:10 the pall-bearers took their places, and conveyed the casket to the senate chamber. Members of the senate and house, the judges of the supreme court, the diplomatic corps, and Secretaries Bayard, Endicott, Whitney, and Attorney General Garland occupied seats. President Cleveland was not able to be present, on account of his rheumatic affection, but the chair assigned to him was left vacant. The seats reserved for the president's family were occupied by Mrs. Cleveland, Mrs. Folsom, Mrs. Vilas, Mrs. Manning, and Mrs. Lamont. The family of the deceased took seats upon the left front.

Gen. Sheridan, Speaker Carlisle, and many other distinguished persons were present, while the galleries were all filled. Solemn services were begun by the reading of the 90th psalm by Bishop Andrews. Dr. Butler read as a burial service a portion of the fifteenth chapter of Corinthians. Prayer was offered by Dr. Tiffany, and the funeral sermon was delivered by Dr. Newman.

THE PROCESSION.

At the close of the funeral oration, a benediction was said, and then at the word of the occupant of the chair, the funeral procession re-formed in the assigned order and filed out of the senate chamber.

On the plaza to the east of the capitol were arranged the carriages which were to bear the various committees and invited guests to the cemetery. Behind these were the military organizations which were to form the escort. Upon the high marble steps leading to the senate and house wings, were masses of people who had been unable to obtain entrance to the building, and who, for an hour or more, had stood exposed to the wintry air and occasional gusts of snow and rain, awaiting the conclusion of the ceremonies in the senate chamber.

Headed by the Marine band playing a dirge, the procession commenced its march to the burial ground. The long procession was formed in accordance with the arrangements laid down in the published orders of the day, and no delays of any kind occurred.

At the head of the procession rode Gen. Sheridan, in his full uniform. The Grand Army posts and all uniformed delegations, together with six carriages containing the mourners, clergy, and pall-bearers, preceded the hearse. This was drawn by four spirited black horses, covered almost entirely with trappings and cloths, and moved in the center of a hollow square formed by its Grand Army escort. The long, double line of carriages closed the procession.

Arriving at Rock Creek cemetery, the casket containing the remains was placed in a vault, with the impressive ceremonies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the crowd took up their homeward march.

The Public Debt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.--The public debt shows a reduction of \$8,000,000.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

Commissioner Colman after the Illinois Cattle Commission.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.--Commissioner Colman has written a letter to Gov. Oglesby, of Illinois, sharply protesting against what he terms the violation by the Illinois state live-stock commission of the rules provided by the commissioner of agriculture to regulate co-operation between the general government and the states for the suppression of pleuro-pneumonia. He cites rule 10, providing that "all animals affected with contagious pleuro-pneumonia are to be slaughtered as soon after their discovery as the necessary arrangements can be made," and says "it is notorious that such affected animals were not promptly slaughtered either in the distillery sheds upon the Harvey farm, or in other affected herds."

War to the Knife.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 2.--An evening paper says: Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, is in the city for an unquestionably momentous political purpose. He and Murat Halstead spent the evening up to midnight last night in a close conference, at which the slaughter of Cleveland and the advancement of Blaine's candidacy for the presidency in 1888 were considered and digested, and a line of policy for the two journals marked out. It means, so far as concerns these two journalistic generals, war to the knife against the muggings of both parties, and it means the nomination and election, so far as their efforts may prove effective, of Mr. Blaine.

ALLEGED LAND FRAUDS.

The Desert Swamp Land Holders in Hot Water.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.--The interior department is expecting that action will soon be taken on the following cases: In November the department recommended to the attorney-general that a suit both civil and criminal, be instituted against John F. Miller for unlawful inclosure of upwards of 10,000 acres of government land situated in Klamath county. The basis of the recommendation of the suit is a report made by Special Agent McCormick. The agent states that within this tract six desert land entries have been taken, one by Miller, one by his brother, one by his sister-in-law, and the others by members of the family of immediate friends. That for the most part Miller procured the application affidavits and in all cases paid the entry fee, the natural inference being that as soon as the title was secured the tracts would all pass into Miller's hands. These and other showings by the agent have decided the department to hold up these entries for cancellation.

FRAUDS IN GRANT COUNTY.

A civil and criminal suit has also been recommended against one Wilson and Charles G. Alexander, for the unlawful inclosure of fifteen thousand acres of government land in Grant county. The land is in the vicinity of Warner lake, six thousand acres of which are being held as swamp. Agent McCormick states that within the tract, twelve entries have been made, four having been by Alexander, and the remainder in his direct interest. A patent has already been issued to Alexander for pre-emption, while he has filed on the other lands under the homestead, timber culture, and desert act. The agent further states that he has ascertained that Alexander had

previously filed on homestead and pre-emption claims in the Stockton, California, land district, and that the government had issued to him a patent therefor.

John Roach Dying.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.--It is known that for some weeks John Roach, the great shipbuilder, has been confined to his house in gradually failing health. According to his own desire that his friends should not be needlessly alarmed, and apprehensive of the effect upon him of learning the real nature of the disease from which he is suffering, his family and physicians have been reticent in regard to his condition. Mr. Roach, however, now realizes fully the impossibility of recovering, and a reason for concealing no longer exists. In view of this fact, a representative of his family to-night made the following statement: Mr. Roach is beyond the reach of medical help, save in alleviating his sufferings, which have long been intense. His disease is epithelioma, and its development has been very similar to the case of Gen. Grant, the location, however, being the roof of the mouth instead of the throat.

A FEARFUL WRECK.

Collision of Two Trains, and Frightful Loss of Life.

TIFFIN, OHIO, Jan. 4.--The fast train on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad which left Washington at 9 o'clock yesterday for Chicago, with five cars and four sleepers, all well filled with passengers, collided with the east-bound freight seven miles east of this city, about two o'clock this morning. The fast train was about fifty minutes late, and was running at a rate of sixty miles an hour. Passing Republic, a small station, like a flash, they rushed along to a curve a mile west of the place, when suddenly the engineer saw a freight train under full headway within 100 yards of him. He at once applied the air-brake and reversed his engine, but it did no good, and the next instant the crash came, telescoping the cars and piling them upon each other. To add consternation to the horrible scene, fire broke out in the smoking car, and soon spread to the other cars. Many were killed outright, while others were wedged among the broken cars. Slowly the cars were consumed by the flames. The screams of the wounded and dying were heart-rending, but no assistance could be given until the farmers, awakened by the crash, came, and, with their neighbors, worked like heroes to save the perishing. At this writing, nineteen dead bodies have been recovered, and they lie, burned and disfigured, in the snow beside the track. Help was sent from Republic and from this city so soon as the news was received. It is a fearful sight, and recalls the Ashtabula horror of the winter of 1877. It is impossible to give the names of the killed and wounded, at this time. The cause of the disaster is as yet unknown.

THE BLAME NOT CERTAINLY FIXED.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 4.--The Commercial Gazette's Tiffin special reports a diversity of opinion regarding the real cause of the accident. The reports agree that there was carelessness on the part of the railroad employes, but whether the blame should attach to the freight or the passenger crew is a matter of conjecture. A thorough investigation will be made. The coroner has taken charge of the dead. The Commercial's correspondent gives seventeen as the number who were killed, and says that out of fifteen passengers in the smoker not one escaped.

Shackelford's Work.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.--Special Swamp Land Agent Shackelford, who was lately summoned here on matters connected with Oregon lands, has gone to Florida. The land office being asked whether his errand is fraud or oranges, replied "both." Bearing in mind that Shackelford's summons here was made on his report that he had discovered fraud in the certification of Oregon swamp lands by a former agent and that said former agent had been removed by the department owing, in part, to his alleged previous misdealings in Florida, the present errand can be surmised.

The Express Robbers Sentenced.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 4.--At 2 o'clock this afternoon the grand jury handed in their indictments against the express robbers, Wittrock and Haight to seven years, and Weaver to five years in the penitentiary. The prisoners will at once be taken to Jefferson City.

Another Railroad Wreck.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 4.--Mittineague station was the scene of a frightful railroad accident at an early hour this morning. The "Mudoc" train from Albany approached the depot at an hour behind time, and running at a rate of about thirty-five miles per hour, or within a few rods of the depot five or six cars in the train were thrown from the track by a broken wheel under the baggage car. The train consisted of the engine, express car, baggage car, smoking car, a day coach, and two sleepers. The engine and express car kept on the main track, but the baggage car was thrown against the engine of the local west-bound freight, which had just pulled in and was standing on the west-bound main track. The freight engine was thrown on its side and completely wrecked. The baggage car, smoker and day coach immediately took fire and were consumed. When the cars could be searched the charred remains of a man burned to a crisp were found, the only means of identifying him being by the letters "U. S." on his cap. An hour later half of the remains of the burned corpse of Mr. Jenks, of Ludlow, was found. The loss of life would have been much larger if the sleeping cars had not escaped.

FROM HER SISTER.

Mrs. Cleveland had already quite a large library, but she will have to have the shelves enlarged now. The most costly and beautiful book she has received comes from her sister-in-law, Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland. It is an illustrated copy of Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner." There were some pretty verses on the back leaf by Miss Cleveland. Mrs. Cleveland seems to prize this present above any she has received.--(Philadelphia Times.)

PACIFIC COAST.

News by Telegraph from West of the Rockies.

Murder at Fort Bidwell.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.--A dispatch received from Fort Bidwell to-day states that an unprovoked murder occurred in a saloon at that place Christmas night. Harry Reed asked James Rinn to step outside of the saloon and as Rinn was about to do as requested Reed shot and instantly killed him. In the confusion that ensued Reed left the place, stole a horse and escaped to the mountains. A reward of \$1000 has been offered for his capture.

Hibbs Found Guilty at Last.

LEWISTON, Dec. 29.--The jury, after being out three nights, came in this evening with the following verdict: Upon the indictment for forging postal office order No. 22,773, Hibbs is acquitted; for forging postal order No. 22,768, he is guilty. The judge fixed Friday, December 31, to pronounce sentence.

Death of a Prominent Banker.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.--Peter Sather, a well known banker of this city, died yesterday afternoon at his residence in Oakland, after an illness of three months duration. He came to California in 1850 and embarked in business as a money lender, and soon after established the banking house which bears his name. The bank has never been incorporated, and owing to this fact serious complications may arise, as the bank was in the eyes of the law Mr. Sather's private property and he a trustee of the money deposited in it. Under these circumstances no money can be withdrawn until an order is issued by the superior court. Mr. Sather has been twice married and his second wife survives him. He was a native of Norway, seventy-five years of age.

Rumored Railroad Sale Denied.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.--It was semi-officially announced a short time ago that the terms of sale of the South Pacific Coast railroad to the Southern Pacific company had been agreed upon, and that the transfer would be made early in the coming year. Senator J. G. Fair to-day denied this. He said: "The road has not been sold or bargained for. My price was asked by the Southern Pacific company and I named it, but they have not offered me my price and there has been no sale."

Official Announcement.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.--General Superintendent J. A. Fillmore, of the Southern Pacific company, has issued an official announcement of the opening of the California & Oregon to Edgewood, which is to take place on January 1.

A Defaulter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.--Frank B. May, cashier for J. C. Johnson & Co., harness makers, of this city, is reported to be a defaulter. The fact has been kept from the knowledge of the public, and it is not known when the defalcation was discovered or where May is at present. The amount of the shortage is placed at \$10,000. The members of the firm decline to speak of the matter.

Michael Davitt Married.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.--Michael Davitt, the well-known Irish home-rule leader, was married this morning, to Miss Mamie Yore, at Oakland. They leave early next month for Ireland.

To Raise the Bentley.

ALBANY, OR., Dec. 30.--Capt. Smith, of the steamer N. S. Bentley, received orders to-night to watch the boat, and, as fast as the falling of the water would admit, to cut the sacks and let the wheat go adrift. After the freight is all taken out the boat will be raised, and the damage ascertained, and, if possible, the boat repaired. The managers hope to have her on the route again within sixty days.

Saunders' Life in Texas.

ALBANY, OR., Dec. 30.--J. L. Hill returned home to-day from a three-weeks' trip to Texas. While there, he had an interview with S. Saunders, father of W. W. Saunders, in jail here, who lives in Bonham, Fannin county, Texas. He also had an interview with the sheriff of that county, who informed him that Wirt Saunders never was a cowboy, except when he drove up his father's cows; that he never killed a man there, but was a confirmed opium eater. He committed forgery, and, getting bonds, fled from the state, leaving his bondsmen to pay the bill. They also contradicted many other stories which were told and sworn to during the trial here.

Failure at Medford.

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 30.--A. L. Johnson, proprietor of the Medford bank and publisher of the Medford Monitor, made an assignment to-day. His liabilities are placed at \$3500.

Inducing Immigration.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.--J. E. Shepard, immigration agent of Oregon and Washington territory, will leave to-morrow for a month's stay in the southern part of the state, where he goes to induce travel and immigration northward. He will take a liberal supply of printed matter, describing the advantages of Oregon and Washington territory, with him and distribute them freely at all the leading hotels, railway stations, and public places in the different cities he visits. His principal endeavors will be made at Los Angeles and San Diego.

Reported Failure a Canard.

MEDFORD, Dec. 31.--My reported failure is a canard. Please correct the false statement. A. L. JOHNSON.

The Albany Bridge.

Special to the Statesman. ALBANY, Jan. 1.--This morning, the 260-foot draw of the O. P. railroad bridge at this city was completed, and at 11 o'clock the ponderous structure was swung slowly into place. The machinery worked admirably. The work of laying stringers, ties, and rails, is all that delays trains from running into this city. This will be done in a few days. This is an important step in the building of the Oregon Pacific railroad, as by

the laying of a few rods of track connection will be made with the O. & C. R. R., and all necessity of re-handling of freight from central and southern Oregon towns at this place will be obviated. Running of regular trains between this city and the Pacific coast will only be a question of a short time.

The time occupied in the first swinging of the draw was only seven minutes with two men occupied at the task. It was subsequently during the day opened several times to allow boats to pass, and each time the working was entirely satisfactory. This is the only draw bridge in active operation in the state. The swinging of the draw was witnessed by a large crowd. Not less than 2,000 people have to-day visited the completed structure.

Boy Drowned.

Special to the Statesman. ALBANY, Jan. 1.--A 9-year-old son of A. A. Roberts, of this city, while fishing with another boy, this morning, was drowned in the Willamette. The current was quite swift where the accident occurred and the body was carried down rapidly. The boy has not been recovered. The boy wore a blue flannel shirt and laced shoes. A reward of \$25 is offered for the recovery of the body.

Starving People of Texas.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 2.--The Gazette published to-day an official report of a convention of county judges from counties in the drought district in Texas, held at Albany, in this state. Twenty-one counties were represented in this convention. The total number of people in those counties now in need of food, clothing and fuel, is placed at 30,000, while thousands more are without seed to plant during the coming year. An appeal is made to the state and national legislatures and to the country at large to furnish at once \$500,000, to relieve immediate wants.

Mr. Ladd's Professorship.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.--The board of directors of the Presbyterian Theological seminary announce that the \$50,000 for the endowment of the third professorship of the seminary has been finally secured. Several years ago Robert Stewart of New York, donated \$50,000 for the endowment of a first professorship, the second \$50,000 was soon obtained, and a few months ago W. S. Ladd, the wealthy banker of Portland, Oregon, donated the same amount for a third chair. The board also announce that Dr. Lindsley, of Portland, has accepted a call to the professorship endowed by Mr. Ladd, that of practical theology. This professorship has also been named after Mr. Ladd.

Wheat Boom.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.--The wheat market opened strong and higher this morning; buyer season opened at \$1.68. It rose to \$1.70, when the market became very excited, and heavy transactions were made.

In the afternoon wheat gradually declined and closed at \$1.68 1/2. Buyer season barley opened at \$1.15 3/4, and closed at \$1.16 1/2.

Fatal Accident.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.--Ernest Roeder, a carpenter, 27 years old, while at work on a staging-to-day in front of the house, No. 2017 Bush street, was instantly killed by a bundle of shingles falling upon him from above. The shingles struck him on the back of the neck, and fractured the vertebrae.

WINTER CARE OF A LAWN.

The old fashioned way in this country, before the advent of the cheap mowing machine, was to cut the grass with a scythe only two or three times during the summer. This left in autumn a mass of tall grass, that acted as a protection to the roots of the grass during the ensuing winter. Under the present method, close cropping of the grass is usual, and we know nothing that tends to set off the home to better advantage than a nice, closely shaven, green lawn. But in the end, this means exhaustion to the roots of the grass, and something has to be done in the way of protection to the roots, as well as of the fertilizing and recuperation of the soil.

There is nothing better for this purpose than covering the grass with stable manure for winter. This should not be too thick--just enough to fairly cover being sufficient. Care should be taken to have the manure fine and evenly spread over the surface. Where the soil is sandy and poor, a top dressing of clayey earth is beneficial. It becomes disintegrated by the action of the frost, and is ultimately incorporated with soil, and greatly improves it. Lawns protected in winter become green with renewed growth two weeks earlier in spring than poor, neglected ones. The liquid from the manure coating is a wonderful stimulant.--(Prairie Farmer.)

A LIBERAL MAN.

A Baltimore capitalist who paid \$180,000 for 300 acres of Alabama coal lands was lately waited upon by a stranger, who said he lived near the purchase, and added: "Now, squire, I want that ar land to make a farm for my two boys, and I'll make you a liberal offer." "Well, state your price." "I'll give ye plump \$3,000 in cash, and I don't care how soon you make out the papers. Considerin' the fact that the half-blasted parcel is full of coal, which has got to be hauled off and tumbled into the river, to be got out of the way, I'm givin' ye the biggest kind of a bargain."

AFTER HER HIMSELF.

He entered the office of a capitalist on Arapahoe street the other day and inquired: "How much would a vein of coal half a mile long, a quarter of a mile broad and fifty feet thick be worth?" "I should say \$25,000, but if you want more exact figures, and will give me the location, I think I can--" "Oh, no, you can't, colonel," interrupted the quiet man. "I am going to marry her myself as soon as the cars can take me out there." And he bustled out as if fearful the capitalist might locate the widow and the spot.

FOREIGN.

Record of News from Over the Atlantic.

Want Lord Randolph Back.

LONDON, Jan. 2.--The Post, in announcing that Goschen has agreed to succeed Lord Randolph Churchill in the leadership of the house of commons, expresses the fear that the appointment will lead to the abandonment of the tory democratic policy upon which it is necessary to fight the conservative battle. The Post again urges upon Lord Salisbury the imperative necessity of seeking some means to regain Lord Randolph, even if Mr. Goschen's acceptance be final.

BILL NYE'S BUDGET.

RECENTRICITIES OF GENIUS. Alfonso Quartermint Dowdell, Frummenti, Ohio, writes to know something of the effects of alcohol on the brain of an adult, being evidently apprehensive that some day he may become an adult himself. He says: "I would be glad to know whether or not you think that liquor stimulates the brain to do better literary work. I have been studying the personal history of Edgar A. Poe, and learned through that medium that he was in the habit of drinking a great deal of liquor at times. I also read that George D. Prentice, who wrote 'The Closing Year,' and other nice poems, was a hearty drinker. Will you tell whether this is all true or not, and also what the effect of alcohol is on the brain of an adult?"

It is said on good authority that Edgar A. Poe ever and anon imbibed the popular beverages of his day and age, some of which contained alcohol. We are led to believe these statements because they remain as yet undenied. But Poe did a great deal of good in the way, for he set an example that has been followed ever since, more or less, by quite a number of poet apprentices who emulated Poe's great gift as a drinker. These men, thinking that poesy and delirium tremens went hand in hand, became fluent drunkards early in their career, so that finally, instead of issuing a small blue volume of poems, they punctuated a drunkard's grave.

So we see that Poe did a great work aside from what he wrote. He opened up a way for these men which eradicated them, and made life more desirable for those who remained. He made it easy for those who thought genius and inebriation were synonymous terms to get to the hospital early in the day, while the overworked waste-basket might secure a few hours of much-needed rest. George D. Prentice has also done much toward weeding out a class of people who otherwise might have become disagreeable. It is better that these men write under the influence of rum should fall into the hands of the police as early as possible. The police can handle them better than the editor can.

Do not try, Alfonso, to experiment in this way. Because Mr. Poe and Mr. Prentice could write beautiful and witty things between drinks, do not, oh, do not imagine that you can begin that way and succeed at last. The effect of alcohol on the brain of an adult is to congest it finally. Alcohol will sometimes congest the brain of an adult under the most trying and discouraging circumstances. I have frequently known it to scorch out and paralyze the brain in cases where other experiments had not been successful in showing the presence of a brain at all.

That is the reason why some people love to fool with this great chemical. It revives their suspicions regarding the presence of a brain. The habits of literary men seem a good deal, for no two of them vary to care to adopt the same plan. Last summer I wrote a large poem, entitled "Mornings of the Moist, Malarious Sea." I have it still. The back of it has memoranda on it in blue pencil from the leading editors of our broad land, otherwise it is just as I wrote it. I am now preparing a poem entitled "The Umbrella." It is a dainty little bit of verse, and my hired man thinks it is a gem. I called it "The Umbrella" so that it would not be returned. All poets do not revel in such gaudy trappings as I do, but I can not write well in a bare and ill-furnished room as I have mine. You might, of course, succeed as well by writing in a plainer apartment, but I could not. All my poetical work that was done in the cramped and plainly furnished room that I formerly occupied, over Knadler's livery-stable, was ephemeral.

It got into a few of the leading autograph albums of the country, but it never got into the papers. I would not use alcohol, however. Poe and Prentice could use it, but I never could. After a long debauch, I could always work well enough on the street, but I could not do literary work.--(Chicago Rambler.)

A RELIC OF THE WAR.

An ugly war relic unexpectedly developed in the saw mill of the Paducah lumber company, at Paducah. In cutting a huge cypress log, which was enfiled from a raft of timber just out of the Tennessee river, the saw grated upon some substance which threatened to demolish it before the machinery could be stopped. Investigation found an eight-pound loaded bombshell imbedded in the log, in which the saw had traced a cut a third of an inch deep. Nothing outside of the log indicated where the shell had entered, probably twenty-five years ago, the bark remaining smooth and undisturbed. The lettering and figuring on the leaden plug to the shell, through which the fuse passed, are still as plain as ever, and shows that the fuse was clipped to burst the bomb at 1,200 yards. It is probable the historical battle-field of Shiloh furnished the projectile, as the trees throughout Pittsburg landing and Shiloh fields were badly cut and broken, large pieces of shells and solid shot, grape and canister being this day pointed out to the visitor, imbedded and in some cases hardly visible in the huge old trees which dot the sanguinary fields.