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TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1889.

GEN. GREENLY of the signal service
is going abroad. He cannot go any
further abroad than his weather pre-
dictions are.A BILL was passed by the Michi-
gan House prohibiting the sale of
liquor in any place of amusement or
any adjacent room.A NUMBER of our exchanges head
some of their mutterings, "Sharps
and Flats." Rarely any of the
former appear, however.THE Judiciary Committee of the
Illinois House decided to report fa-
vorably a resolution for a prohibi-
tory amendment to the Constitution.In the Wisconsin Senate a bill
was passed fixing the penalty for
abducting women for immoral pur-
poses at from one to five years' im-
prisonment.A MAN named Lalla, a resident of
Chicago, has accepted a nomination
for a public office. Now watch the
American humorists get in their
deadly work.THE salt producers are about to
defy fate and public sentiment by
forming a trust. If they form it on
the copper trust plan there won't be
salt enough in it to save it.A CELEBRATED physician says he
has never known a case of cancer
among the Hebrews, and thinks
their exemption from the disease is
due to abstinence from pork.In Michigan University "a larger
proportion of women than of men
are taking by choice the full classi-
cal course." Men are becoming
scientific rather than classical, on
account of the new openings in
scientific professions, while women
study Greek and Latin, to meet the
requirements of teachers.GREENTOWN, Indiana, people evi-
dently know what they don't want
and propose not to have it. A man
thought he could run a saloon in
that town, but saw his mistake after
the female population loaded his
goods in a wagon and persuaded
him that the only safe way to get
out, was to get out quickly.It is reported that the republi-
cans of West Virginia have decided
to ignore the call of Mr. Wilson for
an extra session of the legislature,
alleging that Wilson is without
authority to issue the summons,
not being the lawful Governor. The
affair, it is said, is likely to lead to
trouble.THE Agricultural society of France
has shown that fresh milk may be
easily transported to the most dis-
tant places in a frozen state, the
freshness being retained for an in-
definite period. When thawed,
though days and weeks after freez-
ing, the milk is said to equal new for
cooking, yield of cream, production
of butter and cheese, and in all other
respects.ARRANGEMENTS have been made
to establish another great astronomi-
cal observatory in California near
Pasadena. This is to have a tele-
scope considerably more powerful
than the Lick refractor, as its object
lens is to be forty inches in diam-
eter, against the thirty-six inches of
the Lick telescope glass. This will
give the instrument considerably
more power.THE Connecticut legislature has
passed a law providing that no per-
son shall sell, give or deliver to any
minor under sixteen, tobacco in the
form of cigarettes or any other form
under the penalty of a fine, the max-
imum of which is \$50. It also im-
poses a fine not exceeding \$7 on any
minor under 16 who shall have,
smoke or in any way use tobacco in
any form whatsoever in any public
street, place or resort.For forty years Susan B. Anthony
has been working in the cause of
woman suffrage. She is still hope-
ful and active, though she probably
does not expect to live to see the ful-
fillment of her dreams. It is likely
that forty years ago she was more
sanguine of immediate results than
she is to-day, but, looking back, she
is not dissatisfied with the work she
has done, and she has no doubt that
the people will in time be educated
up to the point of recognizing the
civil rights of woman.

THE important appointments are
being slowly and carefully made
and now that the president has had
time to show the politicians that he
does not propose to do anything
hurriedly, there has been a precepti-
ble "let up" in the pressure upon
him. He hears the claims of all
patiently, and after careful consid-
eration, appoints the one who, all
things considered, he thinks will
best fill the position.

GEN. HARRISON stated a day or
two ago that the West must have
the public printer. This has had
the effect of knocking out all the
Eastern candidates and of bringing
in several new ones from the West.
It is a very important position and
the president does not propose to
make a mistake in filling it. As it
now stands it is thought the appoint-
ment will go either to Merridith of
Illinois or Osborne of California.

A NEW method of utilizing the
power of running streams has been
devised by a Russian engineer. His
apparatus consists of an endless
cable carrying a series of canvas cones
which open and shut like an umbrella.
The cable passes over a double
drum on board a pontoon, and at
the other end over a pulley suspended
from a buoy. On the lower part of
the rope the cones are opened and
forced forward by the current of
water, thus setting in motion a shaft
or drum.

THE nomination of Corporal
Tanner of New York to be com-
missioner of pensions, is enthusiastically
received by the old soldiers,
particularly those who carried muskets
in the ranks. They regard the
appointment as a special recognition
of themselves. If the sentiments
expressed by ex-soldiers, from a
large number of states, temporarily
in Washington, are a fair sample of
those existing throughout the
country, this appointment bids
fair to be one of the most popular
ever made by any president. The
only objection raised to the appoint-
ment of Corporal Tanner was that
he was too friendly to the old soldiers.
Gen. Harrison quickly told the
parties who had the bad taste to
make such an objection, that it was
for that very reason that he pro-
posed to make him commissioner of
pensions. No man should ever fill
the position who is not friendly to
the old soldiers, and it would be
difficult for him to be too friendly
toward them.

CORPORAL TANNER.
Corporal James Tanner of Brook-
lyn, N. Y., the new commissioner
of pensions, has been intensely in-
terested in the welfare of the wound-
ed soldiers ever since the close of the
civil war, and had much to do with
the building of the New York state
soldiers' home at Bath, and is said to
have aided in the building of the
home for disabled Confederate
soldiers at Richmond, Va. He is a
native of Schoharie county, N. Y.
In September, 1861, he enlisted in
the Eighty-seventh regiment, N. Y.
S. V., at the age of seventeen years.
He was all through the Peninsular
campaign, taking part in the battles
of Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, York-
town and the seven days' fight be-
tween Richmond. After leaving the
Peninsular the Eighty-seventh
fought at Warrington, Bristow Sta-
tion and Manassas Junction.

In August, 1862, while under the
command of Gen. J. C. Robinson,
he was so badly wounded as to re-
quire the amputation of one leg
below the knee. He was taken pris-
oner in that condition, but was ex-
changed at the expiration
of ten days and was sent to Fairfax
seminary hospital, where he staid
until he was removed to his home.

Corporal Tanner, upon being asked
what his policy as commissioner
of pensions would be, said: "I can
best answer that by quoting one of
General Harrison's remarks during
the last campaign. He said 'Gentle-
men, it is no time to use the apothecary's
scales when you come to
weigh the services of the men
who saved this country.' It seems
to me that this is a pretty good
motto for all the people of the United
States to adopt. If I were asked
to define my ideas on this pension
question in a sentence I should un-
hesitatingly reply: 'A pension for
every surviving soldier who needs
one, and no soldier's widow, father or
mother, should be in want.' I am
going to take hold of this mighty
machine, and I am not fool enough
to think I have nothing to learn of
its workings."

"Are you in favor of an increase
in the soldier's pensions?"
"I tell you frankly I am opposed
to these \$1, \$2 and \$3 a month pen-
sions. If you are going to give a
man anything give him enough to
realize he is getting something. If
there is an old soldier who has got a
claim that you are satisfied is a good
one and he has not quite proved it,
my policy is to assist him to secure
the proof. You may say that I am
not opposed to knocking out sol-
diers' claims because of a technical
shortcoming."

Resolving an Old Song.
Miss Mary had, that is she owned,
A lamb of unknown gender;
Go where she might, by day or night,
That cooer would attend 'er.
When she went to school one day
The lamb went tagging after,
Which circus did throw every kid
Into a fit of laughter.
Kicking the cooer out of doors,
The teacher spanked the frisker;
But the lambkin cried in the cold outside
And the wind blew through his whiskers.
Then all the blistered children asked,
"What makes the lamb love her sir?"
"My dears," said he, "it looks to me
Like a case of vice versa."

MORAL.
Now from this story you shall learn
That there is naught creature
That is above the power of love,
Unless it be a teacher.

"SCRAPS."
If a ship arrives in port a second
late they dock it.
"Do you enjoy good health?"
"Why, yes to be sure who doesn't?"
Noah and his family illuminated
their grand saloon with an ark light.
It will cost \$300,000 to put the
wires of the New York fire depart-
ment under ground.

An iron drawbridge at Bridgeport
will be turned by electricity, the
first one of the kind in this country.
Senator Manderson says that a
list of the candidates for office in
Nebraska would look like a directory
of the state.

Representatives of the owners of
the copper mines in Montana state
that the mines will continue in
operation.

At National City, Cal., the aged
widow of Cyrus W. Field fell and
broke a shoulder-blade, and is not
expected to survive.

Robert Sigel, son of General Franz
Sigel, who pleaded guilty to forging
pension checks, was sentenced at
New York to six years at hard labor.

It is estimated in San Francisco
that over 700,000 cases of Oregon,
British Columbia and Alaska salmon
of the pack of 1889 have already
been sold.

An English weekly observes that
there is "a fierce rivalry between
the states of St. Louis and Chicago
as to which has the tallest governor."
And such is fame!

The Pall Mall Gazette says that
the only way to walk properly is to
walk upright with the whole body
resting on the hips, and the arms
swinging slightly.

The Mexican Government, it is
reported, has taken steps to prevent
the introduction into that country
of American lard, owing to the reported
adulteration in that article.

Emma Hill, a San Francisco Jew-
ess, has sued Fan Fajun, a Chinese
merchant, for \$25,000 damages on
account of a breach of promise by
the defendant. What are we com-
ing to?

In some parts of the west they
define a White Cap as an immoral
and good-for-nothing man who
takes upon himself the duty of
punishing all other immoral and
good-for-nothing men.

Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster has ac-
cepted the offer of Harper & Broth-
ers to become editor of Harper's
Bazaar. She is a writer of graceful
verse and is well known as a writer
for the religious press.

A negro boy near Camden, S. C.,
one day lately lost a dollar that be-
longed to his mother. He felt so
badly about it that he began crying
bitterly, and did not stop for twenty-
four hours, and then he died from
exhaustion.

The finest exhibition ever given in
old Rome was when thirty-eight
men and women were torn to pieces
by twelve lions which had been
starved for three days. Each
lion was called out from three to six
times.

A remarkable case has just come
to light. The new state capital at
Georgia, for which \$1,000,000 was
appropriated, has been completed,
the work having been done for \$20-
000 less than the sum set aside. It
is generally several million dollars
the other way.

School teachers in Kansas have
borrowed an idea from Massa-
chusetts teachers, who introduced
the reading of the leading items of a
daily paper during war times.
Children who are kept posted re-
garding current events become
bright men and women.

It is reported from Scranton, Pa.,
that Charles Nier ran a needle into
his foot a week ago for which the
doctors searched in vain. He was
taken to the plant of the Suburban
Electric Railway, and his foot held
near one of the dynamos. In fifteen
minutes, as reported, the needle was
drawn out.

The electric apparatus by which
doomed criminals will be put to
death in New York consists of a
chair probably of iron. The current
will be sent from arm to arm of the
subject or the head to the spine.
The exact location of the poles no
doubt will vary with subject and
opinion of the physicians.

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