

WHY USED DYNAMITE?

MICHAEL DAVITT TALKS BACK TO THE POLITICAL FOLK.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The explosion at the castle has proved not to be a serious one to account for the affair.

In this letter Mr. Davitt protests that it is cowardly for the Times to insinuate that the explosion might be traced to his friend Ford.

RUSSIAN FAMINE.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Chronicle's St. Petersburg correspondent says: It is reported that the flour recently bought by the municipal authorities...

NEW YORKS ALL RIGHT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The mayor Grant, in his annual message today, speaks of the Columbian exposition as follows: "The World's fair, to be held in Chicago, as part of the patriotism and to the business interests of the people of New York."

LYONS NO LONGER.

DETROIT, Jan. 4.—Judge Drevourt this afternoon granted a divorce to the notorious Sophie Lyons from Edward Lyons on the grounds of desertion.

THIS IS NOT FROM TEXAS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The Yorkville police court has the most curious and remarkable case on record.

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STEWART'S DISCOVERY.

HOW HE PROPOSES TO SETTLE THE SILVER QUESTION.

He claims That the Colago Act of '38 Has Never Been Repealed and Will Insist That It Be Put in Operation at Once.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—There was well-defined rumors about tonight that Senator Stewart has prepared and will introduce in the senate tomorrow a resolution declaring the colago act of 1838 invalid.

In effect and directing the secretary of the treasury to resume colago of silver under that act. As the story goes Senator Stewart has just made the discovery that this law, contrary to general opinion, was never repealed.

Whether Appointed or Elected the Tenure of the Presidency will be the question. WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—It is probable that the designation of a speaker will be regarded as sufficient authorization for the speaker pro tem.

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THE THEATERS.

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SHERMAN AND FORAKER.

Handed Down in the Circuit Court Yesterday by Judge Grove.

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WRIGHT CASE SPECTRE.

IT STALKS THROUGH THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AGAIN.

Doctor Wright Submits a Statement and New Committee is Appointed—The Case Before the Council.

The ghost of the city physician squabbling with the council was again laid by the election of Dr. Kelly, rolled down at the bidding of the council member last evening with Doctor Wright's report of the case attended by him between May and the time of his exit from the office, and then proceeded to dissect the report of the committee.

The committee stated that the number of patients whom he had attended was fewer than those who were on the records in the director's office was greatly exaggerated by the repetition of some names and the misinterpretation of others. Many of the names were "fanciful" names, he had been called upon to attend to sometimes, and sometimes by others, in his capacity as city physician.

In such instances he had given prescriptions, and while perhaps not strictly in accordance with the rules, they were dictated by humanity, should properly be paid for by the city, and could not possibly have been productive of any personal profit to him. Regarding the prescription of his books, and his personal notes, he stated that he had no account so he said that the demand by the city clerk did not specify any name, and when the committee sent for him he was detained by sickness in his family and could not go. At the same time he sent for him and he had to come to name some other time. This they never did. The committee, he said, was prejudiced, and incompetent. The large consumption of liquor and morphine by certain patients, was explained by the statement that he had used opium stimulants and suppository treatment, and to have cut off these drugs would have been to injure them.

Dr. Wright's report of the case was read and the committee decided to discontinue the doctor's case, and a speech indicating his objection was made. Dr. Wright said that he did not think that the doctor had done anything wrong, and he thought that the council should investigate the matter.

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POLICE COURT BUSINESS.

Justice Haggerty's Way of Mixing Things—Rendezvous Class Day.

When Monday's Police Court opened yesterday morning Edward Glant, Steve O'Brien and Henry Dickerson were in the box as plain dunces. Glant and O'Brien pleaded guilty, and after a trial Dickerson was found guilty. A trial was held for the case of John W. Hayes and Ray Haynes, who were brought on charged yesterday as for a police court case. Remington and Hoagland were in the box for trial, and Hayes and Haynes were discharged. The grand jury class, composed of A. B. Kalle, and H. B. Kalle, were sworn in. They were in court again on a charge of truancy, and the class were given a recess until Jan. 11.

The people testified in the case against Art. Selutensky, Sr., Bart. Kalle, and John Selutensky, Jr. They were charged with receiving property stolen from the grocery store by Joseph Hogen and John Selutensky, Jr. The case continued until Jan. 11.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CHINA

The Chicago Herald is authority for the statement that a crate of new china...

The Herald denotes this as a piece of folly. This inscription does not mean...

There is, however, an objection to this purchase of porcelain from France...

The United States could have a war with China...

The floundering around in the political pitfall that Governor Hill is doing is...

Who is Miss Norton? Well, I tell you...

It is a regrettable fact that the monthly debt statements of late are not made...

The late lamented Grover Cleveland...

Every time you make an improvement you create a demand...

Coal from the Sawbawm mine improves in quality as the lead is developed...

James Taylor, a resident of Greenville...

Mr. Dixon on the Alliance.

There's a growing demand for every product...

What's that? No demand for men? I would think...

Remember man makes the demand...

There is, however, one possible objection...

This office holders are helping Sherman against Foraker...

When it is understood that Foraker has been declared...

As against Sherman the general sympathy of all Western Republicans...

CONGRESS AT WORK.

NO PROSPECT OF GENUINE RELIEF LEGISLATION.

Party Advantage the Only Thing Aimed at This Session—Insincerity of Both Parties' Professions—The People Not Considered.

The work of the present congress will be regarded by more people with more interest than any session for many years.

For two years the people have been studying "traps" as never before...

A large number of financial measures were introduced and nearly every member...

Mr. Gibson proposed a constitutional amendment making the president ineligible for a second term.

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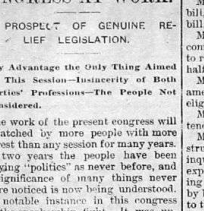
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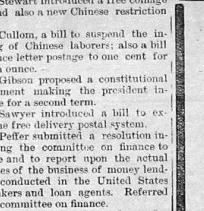
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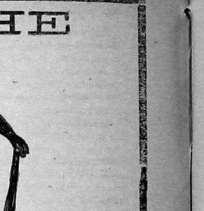
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THE PEOPLES COLUMN. INVESTING MONEY.

Mr. Howell's "Truth Discovered" Review. EDITOR MORNING PRESS—Having been so much occupied with my own work to answer Mr. Howell's article in regard to my now mentioned book, I have not been feeling like writing an article as long as his of the 23, I simply wish to review one of his statements.

I asked Mr. H. "What is spirit?" and he answers "antidote." Now I could not say "What is spirit?" but I would not, because I am afraid he would give another phrase of incomprehensible words like "the only substance possessed by power, the only master of all things or conditions, the eternal one which equally manifests itself in all things as life; but if I asked him by what authority he knows all this, he will consistently answer by the authority of "substance." Now this is what I would call spirit; a power which is not God, as well as the orthodox people call "the eternal one" God by authority of a book because the book says so.

Still I agree with Mr. Howell that spirit is substance, but have a different definition of the word "substance." Now anybody who is a little interested in spirit manifestations or materializations of Mr. Archer (who is considered by Charles Howell a wonderful developing medium), I advise by the Evening Leader of Monday, Dec. 31, to "buy the book" and find out why "Too, Too, Sold False" in which Mr. Archer of the Western block of Grand Rapids has himself been mentioned in the Lansing Journal. Mr. Archer went to Lansing with his assistance the house of Mr. Archer on Grand street, to give a seance. Some one called for the spirit of Jimmy, the New York newspaper, and the seance on schedule time, and was introduced to the congregation and talked with any one who desired to be introduced to Jimmy. This son now happens to be a skeptic it seems, he wanted to know how the spirit of Jimmy was made, he dashed and made a grab at what he supposed to be the remains of the deceased Jimmy, when Mr. Archer found himself in possession of a lot of very thin dress goods, and beneath a few dollars worth of material, he found a very substantial nature, which upon investigation proved to be the remains of Mr. Archer. Now it is not that mean, but it is only one of Mr. Archer's seances, which he could not have done in his congregation. Mr. Archer did not seem to be able to make the Lansing people believe that it was he who made Mr. Archer so he fed the master up by paying back the book receipts. As I said in the book, Mr. Archer's name is given by Mr. Charles Howell, because it has been proved and demonstrated that it is "substance" and that Mr. Archer is a fraud, it does not matter anything to the Howells or Forters, etc. Why we cannot get any more from Mr. Archer, they will believe in some other medium who has not been found out yet.

Free Trade Protection and Paternalism. EDITOR MORNING PRESS. I wish to say something about protection and would like to mention the name of a protectionist as Mr. Blaine. Mr. Luten is, in connection with it. Mr. Blaine's reciprocity is not in the line of free trade but it appears to me this reciprocity is a long step in the direction of free control of our trade with foreign nations.

Not long ago, some free trader declared that protection was the worst wedge of paternalism. If this is true then this reciprocity means that protection has been discarded. Mr. Luten has been holding this wedge in position for years. What if some one came up behind him and blew the wedge away from below until the old industrial law was given to end. Mr. Luten is to have gone to the protection of foreign trade who not government control of domestic trade? You see, Mr. Luten has been holding this wedge in position for years. What if some one came up behind him and blew the wedge away from below until the old industrial law was given to end.

Some demand government control of the free trade. I do not see how it does not consider himself a paternalist, but while he has an eye single to the welfare of his pet protection, he admits he is willing to place all classes that feel the need of protection upon a footing with those that do not get the benefit of his policy.

Now, it appears to me the very air is full of protection. Are we not to combine and labor unions formed for the purpose of protecting their members from both foreign and domestic competition, and also for offensive and defensive operations against their organized enemies? The trusts and combinations want the labor and farmer unions to be broken down and the trusts and combinations. Will those organizations ever give up the free trade?

I believe free trade will soon be as dead as a doornail. It is true there are many independent producers, manufacturers, sales and other men who are practical free traders. These gentlemen believe in the ancient right of every American citizen to sell his labor or the results thereof at such a price and under such conditions as will make him the successful rival of any of his class.

BEAUTY IS INCREASING. THE RAILROAD MENACE.

More Pretty Women in the World Than Ever. It is interesting to read in the "World" of the 23rd, that "Yes, she is decidedly pretty; but not half so pretty as her mother was at her age?" How often do we hear this remark when a young girl is presented to some beauty of the present day in the morning of any one of our older generations. It suggests an important question: Whether the standard of beauty is changing; and, if so, whether it is changing to the more or less beautiful than they used to be.

No woman has been more celebrated for her beauty than Mary Queen of Scots. She was married to a man named James in London drawing room. It is doubtful if she would cause much remark. No doubt she would still retain her beauty, but she would not wear her charms, but she would no longer bewitch them by her face. It is not her beauty that we are concerned with, but the fact that she was like we are not even sure of the color of her hair or her eyes. The various authentic portraits of her are strange, and they differ widely, it is true, that they all show a face which disappears.

Who has not been satisfied with a degree of beauty which was enough for Mary Queen of Scots? The inference is, that the standard of beauty has risen, and that the average of the present generation of women is much higher than that of the past. It is certain that the statement of the interstate commission is in this respect the best we have.

This is the result of railroad building under so called "free competition." The London Railway News, as quoted by the New York Herald, says that the cost of the railroads of Australia which were constructed and operated by the government, which it was profitable to compare with the above statement. The average cost of 12,000 miles of railway in Australia was \$40,000,000, or an average of \$45,000 a mile instead of \$90,000, as in the United States under a so called "free competition." So much for the comparative cost of governmental as compared with private construction.

Next as to comparative success in management. According to Poor's Manual of Railroads for 1890 the average net earnings of the railroads of the United States for 1889 was 8.3 per cent. of the total capitalization and had not varied for some years more than one or two hundredths per cent. from that figure. The average net earnings of the railroads in England to build all the Australian railroads, and consequently the net earnings of the government, which it can make any profit. For the same reason, the Railway News states that the Australian government is making a "net profit" in proportion to the cost of 8.5 per cent. So much for the profits of governmental management.

There is another aspect in which we should compare the government and the so called competitive system of railroad management, as illustrated in this country by government management, and this would be the loss of life by accidents. The report of the interstate commission states that in 1889 there were 1,000 deaths and 6,820 persons while 29,034 were injured.

We have only to look at the pictures of the famous Misses Guinness and the Guinnesses can certainly have nothing to do with the matter. It is not then, that we admire beauty less than our forefathers did, but that we have more of it, and therefore it excites us less.

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AMUSEMENTS. GRAND CONCERT. OLIVET COLLEGE MALE QUARTETTE. Tuesday, January 5th.

M. B. Leavitt's Spider and Fly. 46 EUROPEAN CELEBRITIES. 46

Julia Marlowe! Assisted by ROBERT TABER. An American Company WEDNESDAY, JAN 6.

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W. A. WHITECAR. THE NEW PATTA. SMITH'S OPERA HOUSE. MONDAY, JANUARY 4.

PENSIONS! THE "DOWRY BILL" IS A LAW. OCEAN TICKETS. CASH CAPITAL.

Various small notices and advertisements at the bottom of the page, including mentions of 'Catarra' and other medical products.

Wind and Weather.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—For Lower Michigan fair weather; snow flurries in the east. Slightly warmer northeast winds.

CITY AND SUBURBS.
Before Judge Grove today issues of fact 45 and 46 on call.
Robert Ball was admitted to citizenship yesterday in Judge Adels' court.

Charles Reed of the School Furniture company left last night for Chicago on business.
Jacob Barth is seriously ill with pneumonia. His ears are entertained for his recovery.

Edgar Dibble, who has been seriously ill for some weeks past, has resumed his place behind the Morton House desk.
Capt. Thomas A. Steadman of Lyons who has been visiting Capt. E. Kahler of 270 Taylor street, has returned home.

A sneak thief during the Sunday morning services at the Fountain Street Baptist church, stole an overcoat from the vestible.
A. A. Kinsinger, formerly a business man here, now a resident of Chicago, is spending a few days here visiting friends.

Bruce Oliver, who visited his parents at Fremont street, during the holidays, has returned to his school at Madrasville, Missisquoi county.
The funeral services of George E. Fuller owing to the delay in the arrival of friends from Iowa were postponed until this morning at 10 o'clock.

Captain Johnson swore out a warrant yesterday for the arrest of Almond Dewey for running a saloon at South Division street without paying the state tax.
The alarm of fire yesterday afternoon from box 713 was caused by the explosion of a lamp in the office of the Priestly Wagon and Sleigh works on South Front street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lamos of the Union depot lunch counter, left the city yesterday for a two month trip through Alabama, Mexico and southern California.
Jan. Dambrowski swore out a warrant yesterday for the arrest of Francis Szezygowski charging her with assault and battery upon the wife of the complainant.

Members of the International association of Machinists, Lodge No. 191, are requested to meet tonight at their hall corner of Canal and Pearl streets, over the cigar store.
The arch for the second span of the new G. R. & L. railroad bridge was completed last night, and the work of laying the bed plates for the third span will commence this morning.

A. H. Morehead has returned from a visit to his old home at Columbus, Ohio. His wife, who was taken with the grip, did not return with her husband, but will arrive in a few days.
The Ottawa Tribe of Red Men will give a "peddler and box social" at the hall on corner of Madison avenue and Canal street, the evening of Jan. 5. Ladies are requested to bring a box.

Fernando Page, a doorkeeper in the house of representatives, left yesterday for Washington. Mr. Page was appointed by Congressman Houseman and has held his position ever since.
A special meeting will be held in Hanish hall, Jan. 2, for the purpose of organizing a live of the Marine corps auxiliary to Company 23. Dr. Department Commander Mary G. Bromley will receive.

LOCAL MARKETS.
FINANCIAL.
The bank clearings yesterday were \$20,432,823, compared with \$18,463,217 for corresponding date of 1907.

GRAIN, HAY AND PRODUCE.
Wheat, 85c.
Corn, 42c.
Rye, 80c.
Clover, \$4.00 per ton.
Hay, best \$15.00 per ton.

MEATS AND POULTRY.
Cattle, 80c.
Hogs, 70c.
Turkeys, 1.00.
Dressed chickens, 12c.
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Did You Ask now is Business?
Very good, thank you; but the coming months, January and February, are the dull months. Now we don't propose to have them dull with us, nor will we spring the hoary chestnut of "1/4 off" and "below cost."

PLEASE NOTICE.
For \$3 we will make to order good quality all wool Trousers.
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Call on Dr. S. Clay Todd for the permanent cure.
A lot of Child's Kid Button Shoes, sizes from 2 to 9, will be sold at 9 cents, worth 40 cents. Special Bargain.

Remember for this day only, Tuesday, Jan. 5th. The stock comprises the following goods, which will be sold this day:
23 Cases Misses' Rubbers, sizes from 11 to 2, will be sold at 8 cents. Worth 35 cents. JUST THINK.

The Famous
46 Canal St.
We begin our Annual
One-Fourth Off Sale
Monday.
And for 30 days we will sell everything at a positive
1-4 Off.
\$4 00 Shoe for \$3 00
3 50 Shoe for 2 63
3 00 Shoe for 2 25
2 50 Shoe for 1 87
2 00 Shoe for 1 50
1 00 Shoe for 75
75 Shoe for 57
50 Shoe for 38

RUBBERS.
Ladies' 50c for 38c. Men's 75c for 57c.
Ladies' 25c for 19c. Men's 50c for 38c.
Misses' 13c and 19c.
We guarantee this as a genuine 1/4 off or money refunded.

LEHMAYER & COMPANY.
46 Canal Street.
FOR SALE—A small Jewelry business and stock in a fine location; stock all new; must be sold, address the owner, a small amount of money will secure lucrative business, call at once or address, Jas. A. Lombard, 471 1/2 room in Lovett's building.
FOR SALE—A fine boxed greyhound for sale cheap. Age 14 months, weighs 15 lbs. second street.
FOR SALE—Regardless of cost, all the furniture in the Quigley House, No. 40 South Division street. Inquire of G. W. Putnam at the above number.

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