

DECISION TO STAND.

Uncle Sam Will Abide by the Ruling of King Oscar.

History of Controversy Which Had Its Origin in Far-Off Samoa and Now Has Been Settled at Stockholm.

The ruling of King Oscar of Sweden and Norway, in the Samoan controversy, against the United States and Great Britain and in favor of Germany, is hailed with some surprise by many papers. The decision "is staggering, to put it mildly," declares the Brooklyn Eagle; and the New York Tribune says it is "surprising and inexplicable."

"The dispute now decided grew out of the concerted action of Rear Admiral Kautz, of the United States navy, and Capt. Sturdy, of the British navy, in leading a combined American and British force at Apia on April 1, 1899, for the purpose of making a reconnaissance and breaking up Mataafa's supporters, who were in rebellion against the recognized government."



KING OSCAR OF SWEDEN. (From a Recent Photograph, Taken While in Full Court Costume.)

the medical officer of the landing party. The United States ship Badger was promptly sent to the scene, carrying an international commission composed of Bartlett Tripp, representing the United States; Baron von Sternberg, the German commissioner, and C. N. Elliott, the British commissioner. Claims amounting to nearly \$30,000 were filed by German, French, British and American residents on account of damages caused by the landing party. As the chief result of the investigations of the commission, the tripartite agreement of 1889 was abrogated, the islands being divided between the United States and Germany, while Great Britain withdrew. A convention was signed at Washington on November 7, 1899, submitting the claims of Samoan residents to the king of Sweden and Norway for arbitration, the main questions being whether the military action of the United States and Great Britain had been warranted.

"The sum is insignificant," remarks the New York Times, "but the position taken by the king of Sweden and the principles which appear to have guided his judgment would be of the more serious importance if they were to be considered as establishing a precedent." "The United States will take its own medicine, even though the flavor be unpleasant," comments the New York Tribune. It adds: "In the whole history of international arbitration the United States has fared so well that it can easily afford to accept with good grace this minor defeat. There will be no begrudging Germany her victory, any more than there will be in Germany any doubt of the good faith of the United States."

When a Man is Drunk. An English magistrate has added another to the many judicial dicta on the subject of how to test whether a man is drunk or not. "Were you drunk?" asked counsel of a witness in a case at Norwich. "Well, I knew what I was doing," replied the witness. "Ah," interrupted the recorder, "when a man is drunk and knows that he is drunk, then he is not drunk; but when he is drunk and does not know that he is drunk, then he is drunk, indeed."

Justice Married Himself. Justice of the Peace Henry Bundy, of Jersey City, recently married Mrs. Mary Becker, and the ceremony was performed before a mirror. The bridegroom officiated as the minister, and, looking in the glass, asked the usual questions of his own reflection, and answered them himself. Then he pronounced the couple man and wife, kissed the bride twice, once for the justice, and once for the groom, and then started on his honeymoon trip.

PAID FOR HIS MEAL.

Senator Hoar is Averse to Deadheading His Way Through This Strenuous World.

An elderly and dignified man appeared one morning recently in the office of a railway passenger agent in the city of Boston, according to the Brooklyn Eagle. The official he wanted to see was out.

"Perhaps," suggested the visitor to the lordly office boy, "you can direct me."

"No," replied the magnate thus addressed, "I kin do nothin'. No one here gives passes 'cept the boss. You'll have to wait until he comes in."

At this juncture one of the clerks recognized the caller as Senator Hoar and offered his services.

"I wish to ascertain," said the senator, "to whom I owe the price of the meal for which I forgot to pay yesterday when I left the dining car at Worcester. Some one had to pay, what I ate and I want to reimburse him."

"Oh, that's all right, Mr. Hoar," turned the clerk. "I guess we need not bother about the matter."

"No, it isn't all right and we need bother about it," replied the senator. And he made the clerk search the office records, with the result that the name of the waiter responsible for collection of the check was duly ascertained. Then, with as much content satisfaction as though his bill had succeeded in getting an immovable bill through congress, the senator paid the clerk \$1.50, to be credited to the waiter.

GRAND ARMY INAUGURATION.

Commander in Chief Thomas J. Stewart Asks the Cooperation of All Comrades.

Thomas J. Stewart, who was elected commander in chief of the United States Army of the Republic at the national encampment of that organization recently held at Washington, D. C., issued a general order announcing that he has formally assumed his duties of his new office. In his official address to members of the organization he says:

"The active aid and cooperation of every comrade in the organization is invoked to the end that the Grand Army of the Republic shall continue to encourage patriotism and love of country, shall keep alive and strong the fraternal ties of comradeship and thus by individual earnestness and

activity be a power for good in the land and be helpful to those of our comrades who may need and are entitled to our aid and encouragement."

Commander Stewart announces the following appointments to his staff: Adjutant general—John W. Schall, post No. 11, department of Pennsylvania.

Quartermaster general—Charles Burrows, post No. 28, department of New Jersey.

Assistant adjutant general—J. Henry Holcombe, post No. 51, department of Pennsylvania.

Commander Stewart has designated Independence hall, Philadelphia, as his headquarters.

First Aid to the Injured. Novel first-aid-to-the-injured boxes are to be scattered in the streets of Paris. Outwardly the apparatus resembles a lamp-post letter box, and it contains a small medicine-chest, a folding stretcher and a telephone for signaling the nearest ambulance station. Access to the box is gained by breaking a glass panel.

Space Cleared by Racers. A race horse galloping at full speed clears from 20 to 24 feet at every bound.

Record Aurora Borealis. The record aurora borealis lasted for a week in August, 1859.

North Dakota News.

Died for Playmate. Two German girls, 12 years old, while playing near the engine-house of the Mandan Mercantile company's elevator, at Dickinson, came too near the main shaft, running the elevator machinery, and in less than five minutes were hurled into eternity.

One was caught first and the other, in trying to rescue her playmate, sacrificed her own life.

The engine-house is twenty feet from the elevator and the shaft connecting the machinery with the engine, which is exposed for the entire distance, is two feet from the ground. It is believed the girls were playing near the shaft and their clothing caught. Then their bodies were whirled round by the swiftly turning shaft until their lives were beaten out.

Those who were first to the scene found one of the children still bound to the shaft while the other had been thrown some distance. Their heads were beaten to a jelly and brains and blood covered the nearby buildings. Even their shoes were completely torn to pieces.

Dropped Dead. Rev. John Trenaman, of Casselton, dropped dead of heart failure, at his home in Casselton. He was one of the pioneer ministers of the Episcopal church in the territory of Dakota and for many years was rector of St. John's church at Casselton and at the same time looked after many missions scattered through the section that is now North Dakota. He was born at St. Johns, New Brunswick, Aug. 24, 1827. He was a prominent Mason and during the years of 1896, 1897 and 1898, he was the grand

House tonight and hear the H. G. Gamp deliver his lecture. He is said to be one of the best lecturers on the American stage.

Auction Sale. 18 head of cows, will be fresh at the barn of Rhodes & Co. Cooperstown, N. D. Sale Dec. 10 at 1 o'clock p. m.

The fire bell rang out loud and clear on the frost laden air Tuesday afternoon and for a few seconds there a hot race for the Fire Hall by citizens, but when it was learned that it was the school house that was on fire then order was not so marked although the firemen were making a cord breaking time to save this elegant building. However, the janitor others put out the fire (bad case) and our hopes of a new model school building are blasted for the present.

The next national house of representatives will contain 208 republicans to 178 democrats, a majority in favor of the present administration. This is a larger majority than one looked for.

Voted Twice. Harry Doyle, who was arrested at Grand Forks for double voting, was arraigned and entered a plea of guilty of double voting. The court asked him why sentence should not be pronounced. The prisoner replied that his only excuse was that he was "short of coin" and was offered a "good piece of money." The prisoner was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail.

News Notes. Ole Halgunson, a farmer living near Roseau, Minn., fell from a load of lumber and had his head crushed by the wagon wheel.

A Mayville hunting party returned from the vicinity of Church's Ferry with 70 geese, which was considered very satisfactory.

Alfred J. Ryder, who was formerly engaged in stone work in England, has built for himself a fine stone house near Bottineau, the floors of which are of marble, and every bit of the work was done with his own hands. The house is said to be a model of perfect workmanship.

The Great Northern depot at Hunter was entered by burglars and robbed of about \$300. The burglars were not arrested. It seems as if the crooks had planned a systematic raid on the railroads of late.

Iver Skaar, while threshing near Courtenay, fell into the cylinder of the machine and had his leg taken off at the knee.

A man living within 20 rods of the polling place in one of the Ward county precincts failed to get to the polls until it was too late to vote. If he had lived twenty miles away he would doubtless have been there bright and early.

The vote in McHenry county on moving the county seat resulted in a decisive victory for Towner. Towner received 1,141 votes and Granville 585. The only republican candidates in the county who were not elected were the candidates for clerk of court and one commissioner.

The entertainment for the benefit of the Mercy hospital at Devils Lake netted the institution about \$900.

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE.

The following is a list of the men who have been elected to the legislature and their political standing.

SENATE. 1. J. LaMoure, rep., holdover, Pembina. 2. A. Garnett, rep., St. Thomas. 3. O. E. Lothus, rep., holdover, Park River.

4. L. Cashel, dem., Grafton. 5. H. E. Lavay, rep., holdover, Larimore. 6. J. D. Bacon, rep., Grand Forks. 7. J. D. Taylor, rep., holdover, Grand Forks.

8. F. Hebranson, rep., Caledonia. 9. R. S. Lewis, rep., holdover, Fargo. 10. Geo. D. Brown, rep., Wild Rice. 11. F. S. Talcott, rep., holdover, Buffalo.

12. A. Benson, rep., Christine. 13. F. Devlin, rep., holdover, Cuyuna. 14. Ed Pierce, rep., Sheldon. 15. A. B. Cox, rep., holdover, Valley City.

16. Maynard Crane, rep., Cooperstown. 17. Iver Swenson, rep., holdover, Aneta. 18. Henry McLean, rep., Hannah. 19. Wm. Clarke, rep., holdover, Rolla. 20. A. J. Kirkeld, rep., Norman. 21. A. J. Hale, rep., holdover, Devils Lake.

22. Alex Currie, dem., Cando. 23. M. D. Williams, fusion, holdover, Jamestown. 24. J. B. Sharpe, rep., Kuhl. 25. D. E. Geer, fusion, holdover, Ellendale. 26. A. McDonald, rep., Glencoe. 27. C. B. Little, rep., holdover, Bismarck.

28. D. H. McArthur, dem., Bottineau. 29. M. Jacobson, rep., holdover, Minot. 30. I. G. Voss, rep., Mandan. 31. L. A. Simpson, rep., holdover, Dickinson. 32. J. D. Carroll, rep., New Rockford. 33. J. A. Regan, rep., Fessenden. 34. R. A. Fox, rep., Towner. 35. A. E. Johnson, rep., Washburn. 36. G. O. Gulack, rep., Ashley. 37. Max Wiperman, dem., Hankinson. 38. H. O. Hagen, dem., Fingal. 39. W. H. Robinson, rep., Mayville. 40. C. W. Flain, dem., Milton.

HOUSE. 1. Geo. A. McDea, rep., Drayton; I. J. Chevalier, rep., Batgate; W. J. Watt, rep., Bay Center. 2. John Treumner, rep., Cavalier; P. J. Swold, rep., Halston; C. K. Wing, rep., Crystal. 3. G. N. Migard, rep., Grafton; Thos. Johnson, rep., Park River; J. J. Ferguson, rep., Park River. 4. John Miller, rep., Minto; T. A. Gagnan, rep., Grafton; Julius Boeing, dem., Minto. 5. T. F. Mooney, rep., Larimore; J. H. McLean, rep., Inkster; T. E. Tuffe, rep., Northwood. 6. H. P. Ryan, rep., Grand Forks; E. O. Burtness, rep., Mekinock. 7. James Elton, rep., Grand Forks; Henry Stahmer, rep., Holmes; L. E. Allen, rep., Thompson. 8. Alex Smart, rep., Hendrum; T. H. Thompson, rep., Belmont. 9. Thos. Baker, Jr., rep., Fargo; W. F. Leech, rep., Fargo; A. L. Wall, rep., Fargo. 10. E. F. Gilbert, rep., Casselton; Thos. Heath, rep., Gardner; E. Sivertson, rep., Kindred. 11. John Hill, rep., Wheatland; B. Ben Mallough, rep., Wheatland; F. H. Dickinson, rep., Ayr. 12. H. T. Connolly, dem., Wahpeton; Geo. Hammer, dem., Abercrombie; B. Schouweller, dem., Fairmount. 13. G. B. Pifer, rep., Oakes; John Floods, rep., Rutland. 14. C. W. Butts, rep., Buttsville; Fred Underwood, rep., Enderlin. 15. G. M. Young, rep., Valley City; Jos. H. Rogers, rep., Valley City. 16. M. B. Cassell, rep., Clifford; G. H. Stevens, rep., Hatton; J. S. Palfrey, rep., Hope. 17. S. L. Dahl, rep., McVillie; A. H. Smart, rep., Michigan City; W. E. Perkins, dem., Deehr. 18. Chas. Chisholm, rep., Langdon; M. McKnight, dem., Hannah. 19. C. F. Wagner, rep., Rolla; John C. Hunt, rep., Rolla. 20. E. L. Richmond, rep., Minnewaukan; N. E. Gullerud, rep., Viking; M. Maddock, rep., Go. 21. G. W. H. Davis, rep., Evanston; C. H. B. Puffer, rep., Devils Lake; H. R. Aslakson, rep., Edmore. 22. C. P. Peterson, dem., Bisbee; J. L. Harvey, dem., Maza. 23. A. Fried, rep., Fancher; Geo. McKenzie, rep., Kensal; Morris Beck, rep., Jamestown. 24. O. O. Ellison, rep., LaMoure; C. H. Shells, rep., Edgeley. 25. Geo. Rose, rep., Ellendale; E. F. Stevens, rep., Glover. 26. C. A. Patterson, rep., Linton; P. J. Lyons, rep., Steele. 27. L. D. McGahan, ind.-dem., Bismarck; John Bostrom, ind.-dem., Bismarck. 28. G. L. Little, rep., Sergius; James Wagon, rep., Wewau City. 29. Percy Cole, rep., Kenmare; C. P. Lee, rep., Minot; E. C. Palmer, rep., Williston. 30. W. Simpson, rep., Mandan; Phillip Blank, rep., New Salem; Chas. Wegel, rep., Hebron. 31. George Senour, rep., Dickinson; W. A. McClure, rep., Taylor; F. Lish, ind., Dickinson. 32. F. N. Chaffee, rep., Carrington; M. Matteson, rep., New Rockford. 33. H. Schoer, rep., Fessenden; P. V. Brown, rep., Cathay; A. Peterson, rep., Harvey. 34. T. Wedlo, rep., Veva; T. Oksendahl, rep., Rugby; O. A. Knutsen, rep., Harvey. 35. Henry Bartz, rep., Casselman; Wm. Dieball, rep., Hebron. 36. A. Meldenger, rep., Helvig; J. A. Weed, rep., Napoleon. 37. Emil Movius, rep., Lidgerwood; Van I. Hanson, dem., Wymdrem; G. J. Arman, dem., Walcott; S. J. Aundahl, rep., Svea. 38. C. H. Noltimer, dem., Lanona. 39. A. T. Kraabel, rep., Clifford; H. G. Braaten, rep., Mayville. 40. Robellard, rep., Olga; Jas. McDowall, rep., Langdon.

The library erected at Hawarden by national subscriptions to perpetuate Mr. Gladstone's memory is rapidly approaching completion. The site is to be chosen by Mr. Gladstone himself for the temporary library in use before his last illness. It stands near the church, on an eminence overlooking the Dee estuary.

THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER. North American reindeer usually select an old doe for their leader. The highest railway in the United States is the Colorado Midland, which crosses a pass 11,530 feet high. The railway bridge which connects Venice with the mainland is 12,000 feet long, and has 222 arches. When the census was taken in New South Wales among the ages returned were five of 100 years, six of 101, three of 104, one of 107 and another of 113 years.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

For the Week Ending Nov. 15. Caracas has been reinstated as the capital of Venezuela.

A new cabinet has been formed in Spain with Sagasta as premier. Michael Clifford celebrated his one hundredth birthday at his home in Baraboo, Wis.

Eight persons are dead as the result of a boiler explosion in a furnace at Lebanon, Pa. Pool operators in Wall street, New York, were hit for \$50,000,000 by a slump in the market.

Foreign commercial men were given a banquet in Washington and were addressed by Secretary Shaw. A cannon ball fired by the British in the war of 1812 has been dug out in a cut near Bladensburg, Md.

The presidential party in the Mississippi woods got a bear, but the president failed to get a shot. Secretary of State Cook, of Missouri, announces that the Democratic plurality in that state is 45,244.

The whisky tax law enacted by the last Missouri legislature has been declared unconstitutional and void. Weekly trade reviews show good distribution of merchandise in preparation for heavy holiday trade.

Postmaster General Payne will urge on congress a two-cent postage rate to England, France and Germany. The American Bankers' association in session in New Orleans elected as president Caldwell Hardy, of Norfolk, Va.

The Burlington, Grand Trunk and Wabash railroads have increased the wages of their employes ten per cent. The Princeton (Ill.) football team has won the championship of athletic club football teams of the United States.

The total vote of Indiana at the recent election was 500,071, and the republican plurality in the state was 35,564. Leslie Combes, of Louisville, has been appointed minister to Guatemala, to succeed Dr. W. G. Hunter, resigned.

Prof. Samuel M. Lindsey, commissioner of education in Porto Rico, says the educational prospects of the island are good. A syndicate of American capitalists has bought 2,000,000 acres of land in Canada and proposes to settle 12,500 families thereon.

The official canvass of the vote of Illinois at the recent election gives Busse (rep.) for state treasurer a plurality of 86,771. In a battle with four robbers Marshal Henry Krohm, of Elyria, O., was dangerously wounded and one of the robbers was killed.

Col. Ed Butler, a St. Louis millionaire, has been convicted of attempted bribery and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. Four towns were completely buried and thousands of people killed by the eruption of the volcano of Santa Maria in Guatemala.

The German reichstag adopted a tariff bill allowing retaliation against countries that impose discriminating duties on German goods. John W. Hollek, a farmer and alleged pension agent, was sentenced in St. Louis to ten years in the penitentiary for pension frauds.

The Pennsylvania company voluntarily increased the wages of more than 120,000 employes, adding \$9,000,000 annually to its pay roll. Brig. Gen. Hamilton S. Hawkins, U. S. A., retired, has been detailed as governor of the National Soldiers' Home in Washington.

During a controversy over a board bill at Manchester, O., James Master-son fatally shot M. P. Brittingham, owner of the Hotel Bratt, and then killed himself. Five men suspected of the Gardner (Ill.) bank robbery, October 29, have been arrested in Chicago after a search begun with bloodhounds. Alton trainmen have partly identified them.

The United States commission in Manila has passed an act to assist the suppression of ladronism. It makes highway robbery committed by three or more persons a capital offense.

THE MARKETS.

New York, Nov. 15. LIVE STOCK—Steers \$4.20 @ 6.50. Hogs 6.50 @ 6.00. FLOUR—Wheat 2.25 @ 3.20. WHEAT—December 78 1/2 @ 79. Corn 37 1/2 @ 37 1/4. RYE—State 44 @ 45. CORN—December 58 1/2 @ 59. OATS—Track White 38 @ 37. BUTTER—12 1/2 @ 13. CHEESE 12 1/2 @ 13. EGGS 19 @ 23 1/2.

CHICAGO. CATTLE—Prime Steers \$7.10 @ 7.50. Texas Steers 6.75 @ 7.00. Medium Beef Steers 4.90 @ 5.70. Common to Rough 2.50 @ 3.20. HOGS—Light 6.10 @ 6.30. Heavy Mixed 6.10 @ 6.30. SHEEP 4.40 @ 4.50. BUTTER—Creamery 17 @ 22 1/2. Dairy 16 @ 22. POTATOES—Per sack 42 @ 48. MESS PORK—January 15.20 @ 15.25. LARD—January 9.25 @ 9.28. RIBS—January 8.00 @ 8.10. GRAIN—Wheat, December 72 1/2 @ 73 1/2. Corn, December 52 1/2 @ 53 1/2. Oats, December 22 @ 23. Barley, Choice 56 @ 58. Rye, No. 2 48 1/2 @ 49.

MILWAUKEE. Grain—Wheat, December 72 1/2 @ 73 1/2. Corn, December 52 1/2 @ 53 1/2. Oats, Standard 22 @ 24. Rye, No. 1 51 1/2 @ 52. Barley, No. 2 48 @ 49 1/2.

KANSAS CITY. Grain—Wheat, December 61 1/2 @ 61 3/4. Corn, December 25 1/2 @ 25 3/4. Oats, No. 2 White 22 @ 23. Rye, No. 1 44 @ 44 1/2.

ST. LOUIS. CATTLE—Beef Steers \$4.60 @ 7.50. Texas Steers 2.90 @ 4.00. HOGS—Packers 6.20 @ 6.25. Butchers 6.15 @ 6.45.

OMAHA. CATTLE—Native Steers \$4.40 @ 6.50. Cows and Heifers 3.00 @ 4.25. Stockers and Feeders 2.50 @ 4.40. HOGS—Heavy 6.00 @ 6.50. BEEF—Withers 2.15 @ 3.60.

HER WAY OUT OF IT.

Cat and Mouse Episode Which Gave a Girl the Chance She Evidently Was Looking For.

This incident happened in Washington not very long ago, relates the Star: A young man was calling upon the girl to whom he was engaged. The couple were sitting on the front steps of the girl's home, an hour or so before the fall of darkness, when they noticed the cat attached to the household of the girl's family going down the steps leading to the basement area with a tiny field mouse in its mouth. The cat had caught the mouse in the vacant lot alongside the house.

Dropping the tiny mouse over in a corner of the area, the cat proceeded to torture the little animal after the accepted feline fashion. She would permit the mouse to run away about a yard or so, pretending that she didn't know that there was a mouse within miles, and then she would jump out, nail the mouse with her foot and toss it back to the corner.

Then she would pick the mouse up in both of her paws, throw it into the air, and when it came down and started to run, nail it again. The tiny mouse would squeeze itself into a corner and sit up and look at the cat pitifully, and then the cat would swipe it out of the corner with her paw and step on it, her eyes blazing ecstatically and her tail swishing. Some natural historians say that there is no animal so atrociously and gloatingly cruel as the ordinary, purring, domestic cat.

"That mouse," said the young fellow to the girl to whom he was engaged, "is only a youngster yet. Strikes me he ought to have a chance for his white alley."

"Oh, I don't know," said the girl, who, with her chin in her hands, was dreamily and fascinatingly regarding the spectacle of the mouse being tortured by the cat.

"Don't you think it horrible to see the poor little beggar getting the worst of it that way?" he asked the girl, with a slight note of surprise in his tone.

She made no reply, but, still with her chin resting in her hands, gazed calmly at the cat tossing the diminutive mouse into the air, and stepping on it, and dabbing at it with her paws, and picking it up in her mouth and throwing it down again.

"Mice get into the house," said the girl, after awhile. "But that kind don't," said the young man, a bit earnestly. "That's a field mouse, and field mice don't bother anybody."

The mouse was sitting up in the area corner, with its tiny forepaws folded in front in a very pleasing attitude, while the cat gazed with expanding eyes at it before beginning to dab at it again.

"I'm going to give that mouse a run for its tail," said the young man, getting up from the steps and starting down the area steps. "Let the cat alone," said the girl, quietly, but never removing her gaze from the sight of the tortured mouse.

The young man stopped suddenly and looked up at the girl. "I want to give the mouse a chance to get away," he said. "Surely you don't find enjoyment in watching a poor little beast getting handled that way?"

"You don't have to look at it if you don't want to," said the girl, with a certain hardness in her tone. "Let the cat alone."

The young fellow gazed steadily at her for half a minute, but she didn't appear to notice this. She was so intent upon the devilry of the cat.

After 20 minutes of torturing its prey, in the course of which it broke the mouse's legs so that the tiny rodent could only hobble in its efforts to run away, the cat at the mouse. The girl never took her eyes from the cat until the cat had finished its prey. Then she gave a sort of satisfied sigh as she emerged from her fascinated trance.

"Well, the cat has had her supper," she said, in a matter-of-fact tone to her fiance.

"Good night," he said to her, and he tipped his hat to her and walked down the street without looking back.

This happened two months ago. The young fellow hasn't called upon her since. There is going to be no marriage.

National Reservation for Missouri.

A project is on foot in Missouri for the establishment of a national reservation in Camden county, in that state. There is a rare combination in that county of mountains, rivers, valleys, caves and springs, and wild animals are still abundant. The country is traversed by the Osage and Niangua rivers, the scenery along which is extremely beautiful. One of the caves is 1,600 feet long and at one place 120 feet wide and 60 feet high. Another extensive cave has a width of 200 feet. A noted spring rising at the foot of a mountain is 120 feet wide and 18 feet deep and forms a lake covering several acres. In the same region are many waterfalls.—Chicago Chronicle.

Charities in China.

The latest thing in China is the open offer of honors, official or otherwise, to those who will subscribe money for educational purposes. Any one subscribing a sum of \$50,000 upward will be appointed to a high office, but for those who do not desire to give such a large sum a tablet written by the emperor's own hand can be supplied at prices ranging from \$17,500 to \$5,000. Those who are not able to subscribe themselves, but who induce others to do so, will be allowed a commission of five per cent. on such sums, and stone tablets will be erected in their honor and their names sent to the emperor.—London Express.