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The News of the Week.

BY TELEGRAPH AND MAIL.

CONGRESSIONAL.

In the Senate numerous petitions from various States were presented on the 20th in favor of Blair's Educational bill, and also a petition from the citizens of Pennsylvania protesting against the admission of Utah as a State. Bills were introduced to place the name of Mrs. John A. Logan on the pension roll at the rate of \$2,000 a year; to quiet the title of settlers on the Des Moines river lands; providing that retail liquor dealers and cigar manufacturers and dealers who carry on their business without having paid a special tax therefor shall be liable to a fine of \$500 or imprisonment in a county jail for one year. Several pension bills were also introduced. The following nominations were confirmed: Charles S. Fairchild, of New York, to be secretary of the Treasury; George L. Rives, of New York, Assistant Secretary of State; Isaac H. Maynard, of New York, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury; James W. Hyatt, of Connecticut, United States Treasurer. In the House no business was transacted.

In the Senate on the 21st a bill was passed providing for the appointment of a fish commissioner at a salary of \$5,000. A resolution was adopted providing for a form of credentials of the election of United States Senators. A bill was introduced to authorize the States of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois to sue the United States in the Supreme Court for any moneys claimed to be due them on account of the sales of public lands. A long discussion ensued on Mr. Allison's resolution to adjourn over the holidays, but the motion was finally carried. In the House Mr. Randall submitted a partial report from the Committee on Rules, recommending the establishment of a number of new committees.

A BILL was passed in the Senate on the 20th to establish two additional land offices in Colorado. Bills were introduced to provide for the payment of claims for damages aggregating \$14,000,000 by Indian depredations and to provide for the compulsory education of Indian children. A memorial was presented from the Oregon Legislature asking that the importation or immigration of Chinese and other Asiatic laborers be prohibited and that measures be adopted to rid the country of those already here. A message from the House announced the death of Representative Moffat, of Michigan. Messrs. Butler, Morgan, Dawes, Cameron and Teller were appointed a committee to investigate the condition of the five civilized tribes of Indiana. Adjourned to January 4. In the House, after the offering of several resolutions, Mr. Burrows, of Michigan, announced the death of Representative Moffat, of Michigan, and an adjournment was ordered till January 4.

DOMESTIC.

WILLIAM SHOWERS, who brutally slew his two little grandsons at Lebanon, Pa., last September, was on the 20th found guilty of murder in the first degree.

The steamer Zimama, which arrived at New York on the 21st from Cape Hayti, reported to have in a storm off the West Indies seventy vessels were wrecked and twenty-one sailors were drowned.

A NEW town is being established near Trussville, Ala., by Eastern capitalists interested in the iron business. Additional furnaces will be built, and heavy investments are made in property.

The business portion of the town of Olwell, Ind., was destroyed by fire on the 21st.

B. L. PACKER, one of the largest lumber dealers of Pittsburgh, Pa., failed on the 21st.

A DISPUTE over politics in a saloon at Opelousa, La., on the 21st ended in the fatal shooting of three men.

The collections of internal revenue for the first five months of the present fiscal year amount to \$51,860,549, being an increase of \$3,854,742 as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

COMMODORE GERRARD, in command of the New York navy yard, was on the 21st instructed to send a vessel after the enormous raft supposed to be adrift in the path of ocean steamers.

In a match game of three-ball billiards at Boston on the 21st Harvey McKenna, of Detroit, made a run of 2,497, beating the world's record.

ISPOROUS of Colorado on the 21st the thermometer registered from 20 to 51 degrees below zero, the latter record being at Robinson, where the cold was so intense that the people feared to venture from their houses.

THE escape of naphtha into sewers at Rochester, N. Y., on the 21st caused explosions in several streets, blowing up the manholes and creating great confusion. The flames accompanying the explosion burned three miles, and four men were killed by falling walls.

A FIRE at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 21st destroyed the dry-goods establishment of Fleischman & Co. and the toy-store of Yeager & Co., causing a loss of \$200,000.

THREE train-men were fatally injured on the 21st by a collision on the St. Paul road at Jack-on Junction, Ia.

THE Pacific Coast Steamship Company's steamer S. A. Vincente was turned to the water's edge off Pigeon point on the 21st, and out of the crew of nineteen officers and men eleven were lost.

HURD, WATTS & Co., dry-goods dealers at Brooklyn, N. Y., failed on the 21st for \$175,000.

It was said on the 21st that the Standard Oil Company was preparing to construct an immense pipeline to Chicago for the transportation of oil for fuel, and would build a thousand tanks at Lima, O., for the storage of the product of the Northwestern Ohio field.

It was announced on the 22d that gold and silver in large quantities had been found on the Hiawasser river in North Carolina. Six thousand acres had been explored.

THE year's product of flour at Minneapolis was on the 22d reported at 6,616,700 barrels.

Mrs. MARIA BURTON, of San Diego, Cal., on the 22d won a suit for property in lower California valued at \$1,000,000.

TWO ladies were fatally injured on the 22d by a collision on the Ohio & Northwestern railroad near Cincinnati.

TWO men were killed on the 22d in a riot at Glenora, Tenn., which had its origin in a quarrel between white and colored workmen.

UNUSUALLY cold weather prevailed on the 22d in the entire belt of Texas, and losses among the herds were feared.

OWING to excessive competition, the Montauk Fire Insurance Company of Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 22d decided to discontinue business.

It was estimated on the 22d that as many as sixty persons perished from hunger and cold during the prevalence of the recent blizzard in Kansas.

THOMAS BARRY, of the executive board of the Knights of Labor, reported on the 22d that there was a very strong feeling against the organization in the South, where he had been visiting.

JAMES LUNDY, his wife and three children, of Lima, O., were fatally injured on the 22d in a natural gas explosion which wrecked their dwelling.

THE jury at Chicago in the St. John-Dell-Freer conspiracy case, the charge being that of aiding Warden McFarlane to escape, returned a verdict of not guilty on the 22d as to all the defendants, in accordance with the instructions of the court.

THE Government receipts for December up to the 22d amounted to \$21,697,838, being in excess of \$12,927,137 over the disbursements for the same period.

THE wife and eight-year-old daughter of Ed McElroy, a pilot on the Yazoo river steamer Helen Meade, were burned to death on the 22d in their residence at Vicksburg, Miss.

FARMER JOHN GOFF, of Hodgkins, O., who was en route for his old home in Vermont, was robbed in Boston on the 22d of a pocket-book containing \$2,100.

DAVID HILDEBRAND and his son Fred were struck by a Wabash train on the 22d while crossing the track near Delphi, Ind., and were killed.

SECRETARY FAIRCHILD sent instructions on the 22d to the Collector of Customs at New York to use vigilance in preventing the landing of Belgian miners, said to be en route to take the places of Lehigh (Pa.) valley strikers.

ED JOHNSON, a colored man, living near Cincinnati, placed some dynamite cartridges in the oven of his stove on the 22d to thaw them out. An explosion followed, killing his two children and seriously injuring Johnson and his wife.

THE village of Montevideo, Minn., was almost wiped out by fire on the 22d.

OVER one thousand men employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company on their lines running from West Falls to the Port Richmond coal wharves struck on the 23d because the company had employed several non-union men.

GEORGE WILLIAMS (colored) was hanged on the 23d at Birmingham, Ala., for the murder of Cash Moseley (colored).

THE South Carolina Legislature on the 23d passed a law making it a misdemeanor for traders to facilitate the sale of goods by offering purchasers an inducement to buy in the way of presents or gifts.

OWING to a water famine and the shortage in the corn crop the farmers in the vicinity of Clinton, Ill., were on the 23d disposing of their stock as rapidly as possible at remarkably low figures.

THE Western Pennsylvania & New York railroad shops at Oil City, Pa., were burned on the 23d, and seven locomotives were partly destroyed. Loss, \$100,000.

THE receipts of British iron and steel into the United States for the eleven months ended November 30 aggregated 1,211,000 tons, against 725,000 tons in a like period of 1888.

OVER \$20,000 was found secreted in the bed of a dead miser by a deputy coroner at Minneapolis on the 23d.

DUN'S New York agency reported on the 23d that business throughout the country was active for the season, with a good supply of currency. The industrial outlook was not assuring, however, and uncertainty and hesitation affected some branches of production.

EDWARD BREES, eighteen years old, living near Sheboygan, Ind., committed suicide on the 23d because of trouble with his sweetheart.

THE General Land Office at Washington issued 5,179 patents during December, which is a large increase over the record for December of last year.

DURING the eleven months ended November 30 immigration to the United States from England and Wales was 79,207; from Ireland, 71,063; Scotland, 20,856; Germany, 104,508; Sweden and Norway, 67,604; Denmark, 9,068, and Italy 42,387. These figures are largely in excess of those for the corresponding eleven months of 1888.

A PASSENGER train on the Minnesota & Northwestern railroad was derailed on the 23d near Leaf River, Ill., and thrown down an embankment, and about forty persons were injured.

THE total value of the imports of merchandise into this country during the present year is placed at \$712,986,918, and the exports amount to \$727,460,635.

OWING to dissatisfaction among the Knights of Labor in Detroit fifteen local assemblies on the 23d detached themselves from the district assembly No. 50 and would form trade organizations.

By the explosion of a lamp on the 23d in a residence at Brookfield, Pa., three little children received fatal injuries.

NATURAL gas in large quantities forced its way from the lake along the water pipes into the Cooke Brewing Company's works in Chicago on the 23d, and it was believed a large supply of natural gas had been discovered.

A BROKEN rail wrecked a Wisconsin Central passenger train near Pittsfield, Wis., on the 23d, and one man was killed and twenty others were wounded, some of them seriously.

THE story told in Boston on the 23d of the two survivors of the Alfred Watts shows that they drifted thirty-two days, without a sail in sight, on the water-logged hulk. Twenty-six men were lost.

A FARMER'S wife living near Newman, Ill., got into a quarrel on the 23d with her servant-girl, which culminated in a fight in which both women were fatally stabbed.

DURING the sixty days ended on the 23d there were two thousand cases of typhoid fever in Pittsburgh, Pa., caused by impure drinking water, and the epidemic was increasing.

DANIEL FULTON, of Corunna, Mich., found guilty of murdering his wife, was on the 23d sentenced to spend his life in prison in solitary confinement.

DURING the seven days ended on the 23d there were 261 business failures in the United States, against 253 the previous seven days.

An earthquake shock was felt at New Bedford, Mass., early on the morning of the 23d.

FRANK C. NEALEY, who robbed the \$200,000 Bank of \$270,000, was on the 23d arrested at Halifax, N. S.

MAJOR J. M. WRIGHT, of Louisville, Ky., was on the 23d appointed Marshal of the United States Supreme Court in place of Colonel J. G. Nicolay, resigned.

THE fund for the Henry Ward Beecher memorial statue amounted to \$31,000 on the 23d. Sculptor Ward would be given the contract at once.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

THE Virginia Legislature on the 20th elected John S. Barbour United States Senator to succeed Mr. Riddleberger.

OVER five hundred representative Indiana Republicans met in conference at Indianapolis on the 20th and adopted resolutions favoring a protective tariff, pensions, and the expatriation of the surplus on foreign.

MAJOR W. W. VAN ANTWERP, postmaster at Jackson, Mich., died at his residence in that city on the 21st.

LAURA BRIDGEMAN, world-famous for her accomplishments although blind and with every other sense except that of touch impaired, celebrated on the 21st the fiftieth anniversary of her entrance into the Massachusetts Asylum for the blind at Boston.

HON. FRED C. MOFFATT, Congressman from the Eleventh Michigan district, died in Washington on the 22d, aged forty-six years.

Mrs. MAGDALENE BOGGS, the oldest resident of Indiana, celebrated her one hundred and fourth birthday on the 22d at her home in Milton, Wayne County.

FOREIGN.

FRANCE will shortly issue her first issue of nickel and silver coinage to the amount of 70,000,000 francs.

TELEGRAMS of the 20th from Senegal announce that Mahmoud Lamine, the chief opponent of French influence in the Sudan, had been killed in an encounter with French troops.

DAN DOHERTY, the American who shot and killed his fellow-countryman, George Graham, in London, was convicted of manslaughter on the 20th and sentenced to penal servitude for life.

THE Canadian Department of Agriculture on the 21st made a complaint to the Commissioner's office in London, Eng., concerning the many paper immigrants sent to Canada.

It was reported on the 22d that the Mexican Government would lay a tax on ores mined for export, in order to protect the reducing-works in the country.

It was announced on the 23d that the Mexican Government had granted privileges to an immigration company in order to bring settlers into various districts. The company had obtained fifty-five million acres of land.

THE explosion of dynamite on the 23d in a limestone quarry near Brookfield, N. S., killed four men and injured two other persons.

FIVE THOUSAND persons marched in procession on the 23d to the shrine of the Virgin at Aix-la-Chapelle on the 23d and offered prayers for the recovery of the Crown Prince of Germany.

THE Toronto (Ont.) branch of the National League issued a circular on the 23d calling on every Irish Catholic to oppose at the polls those school trustees who marched in the Queen's jubilee procession last June.

ADVICES of the 23d from Baviya, Mex., say that the people in the earthquake-stricken district were suffering terribly from cold and hunger.

A MAN named McNamara was on the 23d sentenced at Dublin to two months' imprisonment, with hard labor, for selling copies of United Ireland.

DISPATCHES of the 23d reported heavy rains and floods in Italy, and much damage had been done.

LATER NEWS.

TWO men were found frozen to death near Big Springs, Texas, on the 23d.

SAMUEL STAPLES, age 83, died on the 23d, at his home at Stillwater, Minn.

By fire at Chicago on the 23d, twenty-eight horses were burned up in the stable of a coal dealer.

TWO men were arrested on the 23d, at St. Paul, supposed to have committed the recent burglary at the store.

MR. MARSHALL received hundreds of messages of condolence for the eminent case of every sect in the country.

AT WASHINGTON, Wis., a policeman was resisted by a drunken man whom he tried to arrest, and the officer shot the man dead.

W. H. LANPHEAR fell dead in the Minneapolis post office Sunday morning while calling for his mail. It was a heart disease.

JOHN M. BARCLAY, for 30 years journal clerk of the House of Representatives, died at Washington on the 23d, aged 71 years.

THE President and most of the members of his Cabinet attended the funeral of Ex-Secretary Manning, at Albany, on Tuesday.

At Detroit, Mich., Gov. Alger made a Christmas gift of a barrel of flour and a ton of coal to a thousand families, expending \$150,000.

A CANADIAN Pacific R. R. conductor slipped alone in his house at Winnipeg, Minn., as he burned up in the fire which destroyed his house on the 23d.

WHILE the family was away Christmas night the house of Charles Young at Iron Mountain, Wis., was fire and burned. Loss \$25,000, no insurer.

CHRISTMAS eve a widow and two children were working on the track of the Hudson River R. R., near Hinesboro, N. Y., were struck by a train and killed.

BUILDING statistics published show that during 1887, the building expenditure of Minneapolis was \$9,111,873 and of St. Paul \$11,543,514, a total of \$20,655,387.

A Panhandle City, Carson Co., Texas, eight men were frozen to death during the recent cold. Great scarcity of fuel caused much suffering in a severe weather.

Mrs. SARAH EWING, age 62, living four miles from Shelbyville, Ind., went to the barnyard to milk the cows and was attacked by a hog and killed, her body being nearly eaten up before discovery.

In the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m. on the 23d, Chicago had several bloody affrays, in the course of which four persons were stabbed and shot and a policeman and alderman nearly wounded to death.

THE little mining town of Wakefield, Mich., was on more than half burned up Christmas night by fire that began in a variety of places caused by the upsetting of a lamp by a pet monkey. The loss runs from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

NEAR Atoka, Ind., on Territory, on the 23d, seven train robbers were followed in an attempt to rob the Express and mail cars of a Missouri, Kansas & Texas train. The messenger effectually barricaded the car doors and was not intimidated by either shots or threats.

A PASSENGER train of four cars was thrown into a shallow ditch near Rosemount, Minn., on the Milwaukee line, on the morning of the 23d, by a broken rail. A dozen or fifteen were injured, but none seriously. The prompt use of hand grenades kept the cars from burning.

RAILWAY WRECKS.

Two Accidents in Which One Life Was Lost and a Great Many Persons Were Injured—One Occurs on the Wisconsin Central and the Other on the Minnesota & Northwestern Road.

RULED FROM THE TRACK.

ASHLAND, Wis., Dec. 24.—The Wisconsin Central passenger train which left Ashland at 8 o'clock Thursday night was derailed at midnight by a broken rail in the heart of the great pine forest between Fifield and Phillips, and badly wrecked. The sleeping car and first and second coaches were all hurled from the track. There were sixty passengers aboard, of whom one—August Mantol, of Butternut—was killed, and nearly all the others were more or less seriously hurt. Among the injured are these:

Conductor J. H. Greenfield, leg broken and internally hurt; will probably die. Thomas Moneey, of Ashland, terribly bruised; will recover. Thomas Schneider, of Ashland, head badly cut and body scratched; George Clemens, of Duluth, his wife and three children, all badly bruised; Mr. Mahoney, of Ashland, severely cut; Mrs. Sullivan, scalp cut and otherwise seriously hurt; W. H. Baker, of Bancroft, three fingers cut off; John M. Dillingham, of Ashland, slightly hurt; Mr. Connelly, of Chippewa Falls; Victor Mason, injured.

The others hurt were not seriously injured. The train was traveling at a high rate of speed at the time of the accident, and the cars ran into the woods and were piled in a heap. The accident happened at a sharp down-grade curve in a most desolate region, there being nothing on the line for miles about except the uninhabited pine barrens.

August Mantol, who was killed, attempted to get out of a window first; just as the day coach careened, and was literally torn to pieces. His body was in such a position under the coach that it could not be taken out till late in the day. His head was all that was visible.

The cars immediately took fire, but by the prompt work of Superintendent Wolford, who escaped from the sleeper with Mr. Sullivan, a most horrible disaster was prevented. Snow was abundant, and was freely used. Many other sleeping-car passengers aided in the work, at first in their night-dresses. Engineer Frank Calkins and his fireman gave prompt aid to the imprisoned people, many of whom were either pained or cut off from escape, and in danger of being cremated.

TUMBLING CARS.

FREEMONT, Ill., Dec. 24.—A terrible disaster happened to the Minnesota & Northwestern train which passed through here yesterday morning en route for the East with a large excursion party bound for Canadian points. About thirteen miles from here, near German Valley Station, the train encountered a broken rail, and the cars, seven in number, were all hurled down the twelve-foot embankment on either side. One of the cars was thrown fully fifty feet and turned completely over endways. All the other cars but one were thrown over on their sides down the bank. There were nearly 150 passengers on board the train, and although no one was killed, thirty of them were wounded, several dangerously.

One of the coaches caught fire, but the flames were extinguished by the train men before they gained any headway. The wreck was cleared away last night, and those who were able to stand the journey were taken through. The loss to the railroad company will probably aggregate nearly \$150,000. The badly injured are being cared for at the neighboring farm-houses.

Engineer L. D. Holder, of Chicago, had charge of the locomotive. He says that the train was going at the rate of twenty-two miles an hour. At the spot where the wreck occurred the track crosses a creek, and also makes a sharp curve. This, coupled with the fact that it is down grade, confirms the railroad men in the opinion that a spread rail was the probable cause of the disaster.

AN EXCELLENT SHOWING.

Statistics of the Industrial Boom in the South—Unexampled Progress Made During the Past Year—Alabama Leads in the Number of New Enterprises Started.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The Trademark of this city has prepared a tabulated statement showing the progress of industrial development during the year in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia. Appended to the statement is a note to the effect that many of the manufacturing companies therein enumerated as organized during the year did not, in fact, erect buildings and begin work, and may not do so before the close of another year. The most important enterprises enumerated in the statement and the total number of such enterprises in the thirteen States named are as follows:

Agricultural implement factories, 22; breweries, 3; brick works, 8; car works, 3; cotton and woolen mills, 147; electric-light works, 98; flour and grist mills, 177; foundries and machine shops, 181; blast furnaces, 73; gas companies, 57; glass works, 17; ice factories, 8; mines and quarries, 54; natural-gas companies, 115; oil mills, 43; pipe works, 4; potteries, 12; railroad companies, 292; rolling-mills, 28; stamp mills and smelters, 43; steel plants, 10; street railways, 152; water works, 135; wood-working establishments, 640; miscellaneous, 84.

The greatest progress is shown in Alabama and Tennessee. In these States the new enterprises are as follows:

Alabama—Seven agricultural-implement works, 4 bridge works, 8 car works, 18 cotton and woolen mills, 47 foundries and machine shops, 38 blast furnaces, 43 mining and quarrying companies, 17 natural-gas companies, 2 pipe works, 41 railroad companies, 14 rolling-mills, 3 steel plants, 21 water works, 83 gas companies, 16 electric-light works, 104 wood-working establishments and 132 miscellaneous in districts.

Tennessee—Several agricultural implement factories, 5 barrel factories, 2 car works, 8 carriage and wagon works, 12 cotton and woolen mills, 13 electric-light works, 16 flour and grist mills, 38 foundries and machine shops, 14 natural-gas companies, 10 oil mills, 3 potteries, 1 rolling-mill, 2 steel plants, 38 street railways, 1 tool works, 15 water works, 101 wood-working establishments and 114 miscellaneous.

The greatest number of mines and quarries were opened—82 of both—in Arkansas. This State also leads in having erected 45 new stamp mills and smelters. South Carolina leads in cotton and woolen mills with 20.

HOME AND FARM.

—Try to prevent disease.

—How about permanent farm improvements?

—A good farmer, who takes no paper, may become better when he employs means to cultivate his mind, and he may find, also, a good farm paper the best investment he can possibly make.

—Even-woven unbleached cotton makes very good sheets for winter use, as it is warmer than the bleached sheeting, and by summer will have become white. It is especially desirable for children's beds.

—Veal Collops: Cut meat from the lean part of veal into pieces the size of an oyster. Have a seasoning of salt, pepper and a little mace mixed, rub some over each piece, dip in egg, then into cracker crumbs, and fry like oysters.—*Detroit Free Press.*

—Two proprietors of grain elevators in Colorado store potatoes for farmers, taking them as they are dug and delivering them when they are wanted to put on board cars. They usually charge two cents per hundred pounds for each month's storage.—*Troy Times.*

—Cup Padding: Break an egg in a coffee-cup and beat thoroughly, then add one tablespoonful of flour and a pinch of salt; pour on milk till the cup is nearly full, then beat again and place in oven and bake twenty minutes. Eat while it is hot, with a sauce made with the whites of eggs and sugar beaten together till stiff.—*Boston Budget.*

—Bee-keeping can be followed in all parts of this land of ours—North, South, East and West. In nearly all localities bees will do well. There is scarcely any locality in which they will not pay their way. In the country and in the village there is little probability of overstocking for years to come. In case a locality becomes overstocked, some bee-keepers must remove to unoccupied territory.—*St. Louis Republican.*

—Fancy baskets for the sitting-room or sleeping-room can be made from the small ten-pound grape baskets, which are so common in every city. For toilet use, remove the basket handle, cover the entire basket with bright-colored cambric; over the outside place a deep border of lace; line the inside with shirred tulle or wash blonde; tiny tassels or bows of ribbons will give a finish to the sides. For sitting-room use, retain the basket-handle and trim with colored lace or silk, with pompons or ostrich tips on the side.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

—Kentucky Rolls.—Put three quarts of flour in a large pan, add one quart of buttermilk, add one cup of lard, and pour over the flour; beat well; then add one cup of milk-warm water and one cup of yeast. Set in a warm place over night. In the morning mix in one teaspoonful of salt, one tablespoonful of sugar, and flour to make a stiff dough. Let rise twice—kneading thoroughly—then cut in long rolls, put in pans, and bake when light. This dough, if set in a cool place, will keep a week, and will be found very convenient for breakfast.—*Toledo Blade.*

—The flesh of different examples of the same animal varies not only from breed or descent, as from age but also from variety of feeding and exercise. That of the young animals is soft and gelatinous, the fibers being small, weak and much interspersed with a substance termed, from its loose appearance, cellular tissue. This tissue exhibits in the spaces between the muscles small masses of delicate fat. The greater bulk of the latter is situated immediately beneath the skin, and produces that beautiful roundness so much admired in children. As the animal advances in age the fibers become firmer.—*Troy Times.*

An Erudite and Able Negro.

Edward Wilmot Blyden is perhaps the ablest negro in the world. He can read the Koran in Arabic, the Bible in Hebrew, Homer in Greek, Virgil in Latin, Shakespeare in English, and Dante in Italian. Though a native of the island of St. Thomas, he was brought up in Monrovia, Liberia, and there, by his unusual literary ability, he has attracted attention to himself as the champion of a negro civilization that shall be coterminal with the limits of the Dark Continent. Blyden controverts the idea of Winwood Read that the natives in Africa will disappear before the whites, as the Indians did in America. The climate will save them, and, instead of being destroyed by the Europeans, they will be civilized by the efforts now being made to open Africa to commerce and settlement. To Blyden the Anglo-Saxon is hard of heart and strong of will, while the negro is the child of love and suffering. Blyden is a complete know-nothing, and his cry is "Africa for the Africans." He is likely to have few to oppose him in this matter, for not even the children of Africans raised in America can be induced to remain there if they have the means to get away.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*