which in a short time degenerated into a free fight in which all sorts of weapons were wielded with heavy effect. The fight resulted in the death of two of the participants. And Klapatk yesterday a row broke out at a meeting there and two men were killed and five seriously wounded. At Kalisch a mob made an attack upon a Jewish church and completely wrecked it. Several persons were wounded by bullets.

Presidential Nominations.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The President today sent the Senate the following nominations: Captain Moseley to be major and surgeon; Lieut.-Col. Colonel Upham, Third cavalry, colonel; Major Beaumont, Fourth cavalry, lieutenant-colonel; Captain Kellogg, Fifth cavalry, major; First Lieutenant Loveden, Fifth cavalry, and Colonel, Twenty-second infantry, captain; Second Lieutenant Michael, Second cavalry, Curtis, Second artillery and Pierce, Second artillery, to be first lieutenants.

Secretary Tracy Sick.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Secretary Tracy was very busy before he went to the Cabinet meeting today. Soon after reaching his office he had a long other favorite with Senator Cameron, chairman of the Senate naval committee. The secretary also today was in consultation, as usual, until late with his staff officers on various matters concerning the present operations of the department.

The Venice "Charleston."

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 19.—Cipher dispatches received from Washington by Admiral Brown appear to change the case in regard to the movement of the cruiser "Charleston," which was expected to sail for San Francisco this morning.

The Weather in the South.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Advices from over the western and southern country tell of cold weather such as has not been experienced for some time. A New Orleans dispatch says the ground is covered with sleet and snow, the mercury ranging from 18 to 29 above. Dallas, Texas, reports the thermometer registering 10 below at 7 o'clock this morning. At Montgomery, Alabama, the minimum last night was 44 below. At Pierre, S. D., it was 24 below, at Huron 34, at Moorhead 38, Duluth 36. A warm wave is rapidly approaching from the northwest. Various Iowa points report 20 to 30 below.

The Starving Russians.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The Standard's correspondent at St. Petersburg says the male inhabitants of Chikolitsk are leaving by hundreds to avoid seeing their families starve to death. The unburied carcasses of horses and cattle are to be seen in every direction together with human bodies. The only food left is dry mixed barks. The whole village took the last sacrament together.

Dinner in Honor of the Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The President and Mrs. Harrison gave their first state dinner of the season tonight in honor of the Cabinet. The White House was handsomely decorated. Among the guests were Vice-President and Mrs. Morton, Secretary and Mrs. Elkins, Attorney-General and Mrs. Miller, Postmaster-General and Mrs. Wanamaker, the secretary of the navy, Secretary and Mrs. Noble, Secretary and Mrs. Rusk, General and Mrs. Schofield, Commodore and Mrs. Ramsay, Senator and Mrs. Cullom. Among those invited but unable to attend were Secretary and Mrs. Blaine, Secretary and Mrs. Foster, Speaker and Mrs. Crisp.

Heirs to Millions.

BOSTON, Jan. 19.—S. D. Rogers of this city is said to have been notified that he with his two brothers and two sisters are direct heirs to the $5,000,000 estate of the late John Rogers, their uncle, of Glasgow, Scotland. The sisters are in Maine, one brother in California and another in Texas.

A Broken Shaft.

BOSTON, Jan. 19. — The Cunard steamer "Pavonia," which sailed from Liverpool Jan. 7 for this port, was towed in this morning with a broken shaft.

HOW CHILEANS FEEL.

The Common People Expect War and Rely on England.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 19.—Private advices from authentic sources in Chile state that among the common people of that country the talk is that war will be the result. The Chileans have no idea that their government will back down or retract any word or act; they consider themselves strong and expect additional strength from England. They doubt not the ability to secure recognized aid from England or to secure some of England's war ships by purchase. If the information is correct, representatives of the Chilean government are now in England, working on both propositions. According to orders received today the cruiser "Charleston" will sail on Tuesday or Wednesday for San Francisco. She is simply waiting the arrival of the new paymaster and a surgeon.

France and the Fair.

PARIS, Jan. 19.—A cabinet council was held today at which arrangements for the representation of each ministerial department at the Chicago Columbian Exposition was decided upon. The bill for the credits necessary to carry out the plans of the ministers will shortly be presented to the Chamber of Deputies.

Electric Cars Destroyed.

TOLEDO, Jan. 19.—Early this morning a fire destroyed the Richmond Electric street railway brick barns, with thirty-five electric motor cars. The loss is estimated at about $150,000.

Confirmed by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Senate today confirmed the following: W. T. Allen, United States attorney for the southern district of California; J. H. Left, receiver of public moneys at Buffalo, Wyo.; J. G. Chatham, postmaster at Nogales, Ariz.

ROMANCE OF THE WAR.

Friends in the Foe—Frenchman Therefore Reunited in Prisonage.

About the middle of the French Franco war two German soldiers—one named Andrew Ahrens and the other Jacobs—belonging to Company 2, Infantry, Regiment 47 of the first man army of occupation, were sent billeted in a village in France along with some others and instructed to subsist on the enemy. These two were quartered with a Frenchman and his family, whose name J. W. Kinzer, who was made acquainted with the narrative, has forgotten.

It did not take Ahrens and Jacobs long to learn that the family that was to subsist them could scarcely keep itself in food, for it wasn't to be had for either love or money, the poor peasants having buried almost everything digestible. The subject family was at first very fearful of its guests, but in comparing notes they found they had no necessary animosity toward each other, and would have been friends at sight but for the difference in their allegiance.

When Ahrens and Jacobs found their French host could not feed them they decided to feed him and his family. One day they came home after a foray laden with provisions, which they threw into the common stock and distrust vanished at once. Their German guests had robbed a Prussian provision train. The booty was unauthorized, but as the robbers belonged to the invading army they were not suspected, and they carried to the Frenchman's house honey, lemons, lobsters, sausages, coffee and sugar enough to last a month.

Though they could not understand each other's tongue they were all hungry and sign language went a great way. The Frenchman's wife was a good musician and all soon became the best of friends. The two Germans continued their raids until they had laid in a supply of provisions sufficient for all for six months. None had any money, but all had plenty to eat. In less than a month there came an order for a forward movement on the part of the Germans, and hosts and guests parted with fervent protestations of undying friendship. The members of the French family had exerted themselves to the utmost to make the two Germans comfortable, and as the weather was bad Ahrens and Jacobs found their warmth in each good condition that they got along in comparative comfort until the end of the war. Before leaving Ahrens made the family a present of a watch.

After the war was over Ahrens, Jacobs and four companions came to this country, and they have been for considerable time and are at present working in a mill at Brubbach, Pa. Some days ago Ahrens happened to be at Mendall station and noticed a man approaching who appeared to be making the most violent demonstrations of a friendly character. Ahrens, not knowing exactly how to receive the overtures, the man began asking him if he were not a Prussian, if he had not been in the army, etc., until pretty well satisfied with the result of the catechism he drew a watch out of his pocket and asked Ahrens if he had ever seen it before. Ahrens recognized it at once, and then the two men embraced as ardently as two schoolgirls after forty-eight hours separation.

The French family came to this country several years ago, and the parties have been living in sight of each other for years without knowing it.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Peculiar Defects of Arizona.

A miner states that he never kills a trade rat, that those rodents habitually steal from one cabin and carry their plunder into an adjoining one, that on one occasion he spilled a couple of quarts of corn on the floor of his cabin and the next morning found the rats had stored away every grain of it in a pair of skillets hanging upon the wall.

He also states that the rats have thick caudal appendages about three inches in length, which they keep constantly throwing up and down, striking the floor with each downward movement with the regular measured stroke of a musical pendulum marking time. They carry off plugs of tobacco, toothbrushes, combs and brushes, in fact, anything which they can manage to move.—Prescott (A. T.) Courier.

An Aboriginal Way of Getting a Bride.

Among some of the aboriginal races of America the would be bridegroom sometimes experienced considerable difficulty in winning a bride.

There was a matrimonial mound on which the priest stood, around which the swain had to chase the fair one. If he was not a favored suitor the lady generally managed to make the circuit three times before being overtaken, in which case she was not compelled to marry her pursuer. How amusing it would be in this country to see a fat old bachelor chase a dozen or more of school girls up a mole hill, round a hillock.—San Francisco Examiner.

Two Expressive Quotations.

Some centuries ago the autographs you find that they had little time written by these people; in one case they were written "Quick as lightning," this by Talleyrand. "To succeed in the world it is much more necessary to possess the penetration to discover who is a fool than to discover who is a clever man." And Napoleon's character is drawn full length in the sentence he wrote opposite of the "I cannot, and I am silent."—B. A. Heydrick in Boston.

A Suggestion.

Miss Bardwell—What would you do if you had a voice like mine?

Cynicus—I should come in strong on the refrain.—New York Truth.

A VALLEY OF DEATH.

The Government Trail of 1846 Which Was Marked by Human Bones.

An interesting relator was Dr. E. G. Moore, of Kansas City, father of Mr. McCale Moore, an attorney of Kansas City, Kan. It was not the first visit of Dr. Moore to Kansas City, or rather to the place where the city now stands, in 1849, when he was just twenty-two, he was stricken with the gold fever and started on his adventurous trip to California. He came up the river from St. Louis on the steamboat Belle Creole and landed somewhere about the foot of Main street, he thinks, but the vicissitudes of the city seems so changed that he can hardly be sure.

It was in April and there had been no rains and the whole country was bare and brown. He proceeded to Independence, then the chief outfitting point for the west, and bought oxen, wagons and various supplies for the long and wearisome trip. It took to rain in a day or two and the party of forty wanted something like two weeks for the grass to start growing before it started on the perilous journey across the almost untravelled plains. In May they took up their line of march.

Westport was then a hamlet and Kansas City yet unborn. There was a thick settlement all along both sides of the river, but they were mostly Indians, and Dr. Moore says that of all good places on earth to force and train for a great city these two sites at the Kaw's mouth were the best. It was rocky, hilly, rugged and forest covered, unbearable in every way. They started west over the old government route south of Westport, passing at Osage Mission, and kept south of the Kaw until they reached Topeka. Somewhere near there they crossed the Kaw and went on over the old government trail, later known as the Santa Fe trail.

At that time it had been used only by the government, few people having been venturesome enough to brave the perils of a route through "vastly waste and plains as lone and wearisome," as described by Coronado in his account of his travels over it, with hostile Indians on every hand. The doctor was five long dreary months in making the trip from Independence to San Francisco. When up in the lowest Water valley the party divided, part going another route, having Dr. Moore with a party of five to make the remainder of the trip. When they were within out at Independence something was said about gold. An old French man, who had not many "dollars of sou" upon the plains, said facetiously: "Guide! You tell guide enough. Watch in house. Dog point in wagon—point!"

"We found it literally so," said the doctor. "Many people had gulches fifty dollars a month and expressed to show them the way over a trail so wide and well defined that a blind man could follow it, and all along its deep worn ruts were the bones of horses and oxen, and heaps of ground where human beings had fallen victims to heat, cold, thirst and famine. It was really a trail through the valley of death.

"In following the trail we were taken nearly 100 miles out of our way. The government trail was laid out for the purpose of reaching an fort and not as a direct route to California. Years later a more direct route was laid out. We had ninety miles of desert to pass through in Idaho, and that was our hardest travel. The vast expanse of alkali desert afforded no water, and not a green thing appeared on the whole surface."—Kansas City Star.

Danger in Kissing Dead Faces.

There is a European custom always to be found in a cosmopolitan city and St. Louis is no exception to the rule. It involves the kissing of the dead just prior to the final closing down of the casket. There is something very beautiful in the idea of the parting kiss, but the custom is a very dangerous one, and bad for better be abandoned. There may be cases in which no harm can possibly result, but when death has been caused by an infectious disease it is impossible to overestimate the danger incurred.

In one house where three children died of diphtheria it was found that the brothers and sisters of the first victim were all taken in to kiss their dead brother, and this act of insanity cost two of them their lives. It has been cited over and over again that death sometimes increases rather than decreases the risk of contagion, but the fact is not generally appreciated, or such a custom as the one alluded to would speedily come to an end.—Interview in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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