Morton's dry goods store, probably $150,000; Seifert & Lilley, bookbinders, loss $45,000, insurance $25,000. There were numerous falls from the roof of the building that lost everything. The Opera House was to have been occupied by Modjeska this evening.

The building is a total wreck. It is impossible to get the complete loss and insurance, but it is now thought that the loss will be about $500,000, with insurance of $200,000. It is learned that all the occupants of the building were insured.

Advices From Japan.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 26.—The steamship "Empress of Japan" arrived today from Yokohama and Hongkong. Another severe shock of earthquake occurred in Japan December 24th, many buildings shaken by the previous shock being brought down. No loss of life is reported.

A great fire occurred in Shichibendcho January 8th, destroying 600 houses. The loss of property is immense, but the loss of life is not reported.

Eight hundred buildings at Yodogo Dematt were also burned December 3d. No lives were lost.

Germany and Free Corn.

BERLIN, Jan. 26.—The Reichstag today rejected the tariff committee's resolution in favor of the admission of foreign corn without regard to country of origin, and accepted the compromise proposed by Herr Hahl and Minister Von Boetticher, that all foreign corn stored in free warehouses on February 1st, within the Germanic customs union, shall be admitted until April 30th at the reduced rate; also stocks of corn already entered but left in bond by millers. This provision also applies to malt and wines.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Philadelphia, Jan. 26.—At a meeting tonight of the National Academy of Science it was decided to send a relief expedition for Lieutenant Peary and party, to leave New York about June 10 next.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Jan. 26.—Mrs. Frank Brown, while milking yesterday, was kicked to death by a stallion. Her husband missing her came to search, and as he was driving up the body the stallion kicked him. He lived but a short time.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The President and Mrs. Harrison gave a reception this evening in Congress and the judiciary to which the diplomatic corps and army and navy were invited. The Chilean minister was present.

Washington, Jan. 26.—It is ascertained on the best authority that Whitelaw Reid, United States minister to France, is seriously complaining his resignation in order to resume his journalistic work. The State department is undecided to have town advised to this effect.

Paris, Jan. 26.—The Chilean cruiser "Presidente Pinto" lies at Havre, ready to go to sea at any moment. "El Captain Pratt" will not be in condition to sail before April.

Boise City, Ida., Jan. 26.—The authorities have arrested nine Chinese, who entered the United States from British Columbia, via Kootenai river. There is evidence that hundreds of Chinese successfully use this route.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Senator Hawley today introduced a bill to establish a military post near Helena, Mont., upon the acquisition without cost by the United States of 1000 acres of land for the erection of the necessary buildings; $300,000 is appropriated.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The House committee on appropriations today agreed to report a resolution calling for an inquiry by the appropriation committee of the House as to whether the requirements of the act of Congress providing for the holding of the Columbian Exposition at Chicago were carried out, whether all expenditures of whatever character for the exposition were judiciously made and generally into the management of the affair.

A Young Lady Teacher.

A young lady of this place who is treasurer of a mission band in one of our Sunday schools, and who had about five dollars of the band's money in her possession, quietly performed a feat the other night that was quite dangerous. The lady referred to arrayed a late hour, dressed herself, went to the bureau where she had placed the five dollars and took it to a little room in the house which the family did not occupy. Gathering together a few old shirts she wrapped the money up in them and then securely tied it with a string and placed it in a dark, hidden corner.

After this was accomplished she went into her brother's room, took his loaded revolver and started for the yard. It is not known just how long she was out of doors, but the next morning the revolver was found in a barrel at the rear of the lot. When the revolver was discovered in the barrel it turned upon the young lady that perhaps some person had been in the house and taken her money away, and she quickly went to the bureau where she had the money concealed. On searching the drawer she found that it had disappeared. A thorough search was given and the money found in the place above mentioned.—Huntington Journal.

Coats and Overcoats.

A clothing dealer says that about one fifth of the transitory portion of the city's population go through the winter without overcoats. In most instances the cause is the lack of money to make a purchase, but there are men who are able to buy but who refuse to wear a top coat. Some of these prefer two or more suits of underclothing to an overcoat. A great many whose occupation keeps them indoors constantly invest their money in stock car rides on cold days and get along well enough without the big coat.

A well to do merchant wears the line of more than one coat at a time. He keeps an assortment of coats of varying weights and uses them to accommodate with the high or low temperature. He insists that it is the only way to avoid colds, which come from overweight of clothing that is used in all kinds of weather.—St. Louis Republic.

Some immense vegetables were lately exhibited at Great Falls, Mont. There is a sugar beet weighing twenty-five pounds, a twenty pound turnip, a five pound potato, a pumpkin weighing 120 pounds and a cabbage three feet in diameter, all raised in that vicinity.

Railway Rumbles.

The Adirondack and St. Lawrence will rest is to build a twenty-five mile road known as Herkimer, N. Y.

The First and Fox Marquette Railway company will build a branch right soon long to mark timber lands in Michigan.

A movement is on foot to organize an association of railway men who have been in the service for more than twenty years.

The Pennsylvania is building a new bridge over Mill creek at Erie to replace the present bridge, which is built of wood.

The line of the Florida Southern road from Barber to Fort Meade, Fla., twelve miles, has been changed from narrow to standard gauge.

The Maine Railroad commissioners have approved the following local rates on the Maine Central: The Rockville, Rikker, Rowell, Kimball, Hall, Jameson and Piper.

The new train recently placed on the Georgia Central is somewhat of a novelty. Unfamiliar as it is, it is exciting some trust on the dark nights of all the unions.

The Baltimore and Ohio people are replying giving things to eaten to attend their Knee Blue line of service to Chicago and Cincinnati. It now extends only to Washington.

It has been decided by the United States supreme court that railroad companies are liable for damages from accidents resulting from bad ties, by which trains are obstructed, thereby causing detainment of cars and injury to passengers.

The Queen and Crescent at an early day will put on a solid vestibule train from New Orleans to Cincinnati. The cars are now being turned out by the Pullman company. This will be the only vestibule train between New Orleans and the east.

The separate coach law is working smoothly on all Texas roads. As a rule the colored passengers are satisfied with the system. They are pleased to have a car by themselves, while the white folks have to rub with Mexicans, Chinamen and every other stack of people.

Garrett, Ind., the location of the site of the western division of the Baltimore and Ohio road, now has a population of 4,500. The shops there employ 800 men, and monthly over $60,000 is disbursed in wages. A few years ago there were but a half dozen houses at this point.

The Pittsburg division of the Baltimore and Ohio road is becoming the more important in the system. There are now 40 miles of road in this division. From Pittsburg to Cumberland, 150 miles in Wheeling, seventy miles, and the rest is made up in branches. For twenty-five miles out of Pittsburg the road is double tracked.

The Central Railroad of New Jersey will build a new bridge over the Shrewsbury river at Seabright Highlands, N. J., an appurtenance being been made with the commissioners of Monmouth county to unclosed with the work. The bridge will be built in connection with the coming change of terminals from Sandy Hook to Atlantic Highlands.

Curious Cullings.

A London paper is printed with perforated ink.

The town of Argonia, Kan., is officered and run entirely by women.

Four different mountain peaks in Idaho are from thirteen to twenty-three feet lower than they were fifteen years ago.

Mother has a rock that moves on a weather principle by changing color with every approaching change in the weather.

The smallest church in the world is said to be at St. Lawrence, near Ventnor, Isle of Wight. It has a seating capacity of twelve people.

A man dating at Jersey, England, was caught by the cutter tide, and a boat had to be put out to rescue him. The next day the magistrate sentenced him to eight days' hard labor "for the trouble he had caused."

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Russell, of Toledo, O., died recently on the day that he predicted would end his life. He selected the hall he wished to be buried in, made other arrangements for his funeral, and at the appointed time lay back and expired.

There is a curious painting in England of Marie Antoinette, taken when she was a beggar maiden of fourteen. It represents her mentally inspiring, with her Dauphin pointing in a smoking way to her tomb, around which is a red ribbon resembling a tourniquet and a line of blood. The unusual but prophetic gesture gives a thrilling and tragic character to the portrait.

Many Paths of Science Needed.

One week saving means school teacher. Two girl students in one of our high schools, and who had about five dollars of the lunch money in her possession, quietly performed a feat the other night that was quite dangerous. The lady referred to arrived a late hour, dressed herself, went to the bureau where she had placed the five dollars and took it to a little room in the house which the family did not occupy. Gathering together a few old shirts she wrapped the money up in them and then securely tied it with a string and placed it in a dark, hidden corner.

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Evolution in Pronunciation.

A lecturer who prides himself on faultless pronunciation, and whose sentences are so constructed that they measure like the rhythm of a poem, said the other evening to the writer: "I have just received from a friend a little book entitled 'Ten Thousand Mispronounced Words.' I have devoted a great portion of my life to correct pronunciation of words. I am so sensitive on that that I am unhappy. I thought I had about the proper accent and so on, certainly in the vocabulary I use, but I am confronted every day with something new. If not that, with a pronunciation different from that to which I am accustomed. What's a fellow to do? Webster says one thing. Along comes Worcester, the Century and other authorities and knock it all over. I am told that Webster is authority in this country. Who made him authority? The schools, the writers, the press? But the schools, the writers, the press do not agree.

"I meet scholarly men every day of my life. Americans who differ in their pronunciations. And these differences are not in words seldom used, but in those which are of everyday use. I am told, for example, that I must say 'acoustics' instead of 'acoustics.' I refuse to do it. The first pronunciation would knock the best constructed sentence into chaodic. And yet Webster says 'acoustics.' I have been pronouncing pinnacle as if it were spelled 'pinnacle.' Here is an excellent authority before me which tells me the proper pronunciation is pin-na-cle, accent on the first. And so the changes keep in motion. What a bafled we shall some day have."—Chicago Tribune.

Effective Soap.

The children's toboggan slide is quite an institution in a certain country. It is an old boiling board, a good wide one, and when its end is tipped up on a chair it furnishes all kinds of amusement to the small people.

The other day the children discovered a new joy in the boiling board. They placed it flat upon the floor. Then they smuggled a piece of soap from the bathroom and soaped the board well from end to end. It made a famous slide.

The three boys and the girl, who is the wildest boy of the four, gave themselves plenty of room to run, and the board was long enough to make a good slide.

One after the other then ran. The chase grew exciting. Finally Allen, taking her turn, came with a rush down the hall and across the board. The impetus was too much. Her heels flew up and she came down hard, very hard.

She gathered herself together with a bewildered look on her face. Then she stood up shortly.

"Dear me," she said; "I didn't know soap was so effective!"—New York World.

Hotels with Foreign Names.

The cosmopolitan character of New York is signally illustrated by the names of its hotels and the business signs on the business streets. Out of ninety-three hotels in this city, thirty-nine have distinctively foreign names, the remainder being named after the localities in which they are situated, or the men who once or more them, and in a few instances after some American historical personage. One of the great hostelries is named after the Holland House, in London. There is an "Imperial" hotel and a "Royal" hotel. The "Vendome," the "Grand," the "Albemarle," the "Bristol," the "Breslin," the "Windsor," the "Cambridge," the "Devonshire," the "Metropole," the "Normandie," the "Brunswick," the "Barthold," the "St. Marc," the "St. James" and the "Westminster" are all suggestive of foreign localities and names.—New York Cor. Philadelphia Ledger.

"American" Waiters in England.

I suppose it is not generally mentioned when American gentlemen are by, but there is a most the known in England as the "American." This I take to be one which extends itself down on either side of the lower jaw, whence it is combed or brushed or twisted out into prolonged tufts, in close resemblance to the tail of a goat. I confess I have seen several instances of this manner in unbelished. It is safe to say when they have been in London a few days, and have walked about the west end, these pro hoc tuous promptly vanish.

I know just one Englishman with this sort of mustache—yes, there are two, and one is a southern south try tavern. But they furnish rare exceptions to an overwhelming rule.—London Cor. San Francisco Argonaut.

The Nervousmindedness of Napping.

The dictator is often the last person in the house who realizes the discomfort that his system of napping produces, as such a person in the necessities of the case is a pre-eminently selfish individual, whose horizon is limited to himself and who only takes in the rest of the world as they are his and form a part in that way of his selfish interests.—New York Tribune.

Feminine Fancies.

Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins is Senator Gorman's cousin.

Mrs. Markey is the fortunate possessor of a string of Cowles diamonds two yards in length.

Mrs. Bob Ingersoll is a tall brunette, with one of those blackness, fine features and a pretty mouth.

Lady Dunraven preserves with religious care every pine pot, leaves, twigs and every object which he carries.

The wife of Lieutenant H. B. Hemp, of the United States marine corps, is one of the very few ladies who can stay close to have assists the secrets of Mont Blanc.

Miss Arthur, daughter of the ex-president, has a well mounted horse, smoking brown skin, dark, soft hair rolled back from a low brow, a sweet smile and a jovial, artlessness.

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