

the imperial board of health to study the nature and causes of cholera, has forwarded a report from Calcutta, which states that the commission discovered the cholera germ in a water tank at Calcutta, and found in a suburban village where the cholera made its appearance, the same microscopic organism in which it was discovered in the lower intestines of a cholera victim in Egypt.

Rome, 19.—Two versions are given of an attack upon the railway train containing King Humbert. According to one it was an attempt to take the King's life, the other makes it an act of brigandage to secure booty.

LONDON, 19.—Gladstone gave audience this evening to a deputation of members of the House of Commons. He informed them that the government were anxious for the passage of the bill providing for the appointment of a minister for Scotland.

Bradlaugh is re-elected by a majority of 76, the largest he ever had.

The debate in the commons to censure the government for its Egyptian policy concluded, and on division was defeated 311 to 262.

London, 15.—In compliance with a request of Sir Evelyn Baring, the British representative at Cairo, the Government has decided to reinforce the British army of occupation.

Cairo, 19.—The British relief force will reach Suakim Sunday next, and advance on Tokar Tuesday. Reinforcements have been hurriedly dispatched from Gibraltar and Malta under the pressure of the danger of an Egyptian revolt and massacre of Europeans if the news of a British check arrives and Cairo and Alexandria and found denuded of English troops.

Paris, 19.—The current topic of gossip is the dispute between Mrs. Mackay and Meissonier in regard to her portrait painted by the latter. Mackay was dissatisfied with the likeness, which her friends called a caricature, and she burned the picture. Meissonier is resenting remarks of the *Gaulois*, and wrote the editor he would fight Meyer, the *Gaulois* critic, if he (Meissonier) were 50 instead of 75 years of age. Meyer replied Meissonier's son should take his father's place and fight.

Khartoum, 20.—Gen. Gordon to-day held a levee when the poorest Arab was admitted. He has opened offices at the palace to hear grievances.

Government books containing records from time immemorial of the debts of the people, with whips and bastinadoes, have been publicly burned.

A council of Arab notables formed a prison in which 200 wretches loaded with chains were found. The order has been demolished and the negroes held a great jubilee of rejoicing. Europeans agree that Gordon's proclamation was the only means of saving themselves and garisons.

A fresh Bey, a Shilook Negro, who won the decoration of the legion of honor under Bazaine in Mexico has been appointed commander of all the troops in Khartoum. All the Soukanese troops will stay at Khartoum and the white troops go to Omdurman.

Cairo, 20.—The Austrian consul at Khartoum has forwarded to El Mahdi \$20,000 to secure the release of Catholic missionaries.

## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

William H. Dickson was confirmed United States District Attorney for Utah.

Richmond, Va., 18.—The governor has vetoed the bill re-apportioning the representation in Congress, on the ground that it is not made proportionate to the voting strength of the two political parties. While nearly equal the apportionment is such as to give one political element of the State possibly eight and probably seven of the ten districts.

Bismarck, Dak., 18.—A gentleman just down from Poplar River says the reports of the starving Indians are not exaggerated. Seven thousand have nothing but a little flour, all the game having disappeared. Dogs and ponies have been killed and eaten. In 60 days without relief all must starve to death. A fear of the massacre of the agent and post traders is expressed.

Portland, Me., 18.—Near the quarantine station, Deering, Maine, are 25 head of cattle afflicted with the foot and mouth disease, which is said to have sprung from the English importations of Dr. Thayer. The United States cattle commission is on the ground, and are taking every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease.

The Secretary of War reports immediate need of appropriations for the improvement of a large number of rivers and harbors, among them the following: Columbia, \$103,500; Coos Bay, Oregon, \$15,000; Washington Territory rivers, \$8,000.

The committee on expenditures in the Department of Justice to-day determined to begin March 3d an examination into the manner in which the Star route prosecutions have been and are being conducted. All the participants in the trials on the part of the Government or individuals, will be called to give their testimony. The investigation, beginning with the appointment of McVeagh as attorney general and James as postmaster general, it is believed will continue two months.

The Treasury has suspended the issue of one and two dollar notes pending the appropriation to enable its printing more.

The President has received a letter from Gen. Sherman thanking him in the warmest terms for the special order promulgated by him on the occasion of Sherman's retirement from the command of the army.

Eldredge presented in the House a petition to-day from A. C. Maxwell, democratic candidate for Congress for the Ninth Michigan District, charging that Representative Hatch secured his seat by fraud, corruption and bribery, and that \$20,000 was raised through the agency of Secretary Hubble by assessing government employees.

Commander W. S. Schley has been selected to command the Greely relief expedition.

Washington, 18.—The foundry board has submitted a report to the Secretary of the Navy. It does not recommend the establishment of a foundry, properly so called, but thinks the steel manufacturers should be called upon to provide metal, and recommends the establishment of two gun factories under the control of the government, and that the Washington navy yard should be selected as the site for a navy gun factory. The report concludes as follows: "The fact that the United States is destitute of the means of fabricating modern guns so urgently needed for national defense, and that at least three years will be required to complete tools, construct shops and establish a plant, would demand the immediate appropriation of \$1,800,000." In describing the trip abroad, the board states that the request made by the latter to be permitted to visit the Krupp gun establishment, Prussia, was refused.

Pittsburg, 19.—An unusually large vote was polled at the municipal elections to-day. Andrew Full, on the republican ticket for mayor, was defeated by Hon. Robert Liddell with 7,000 majority. In Allegheny City, J. G. Wyman, the republican, was elected mayor, over John Swan, democrat, by 600 majority. The republicans have a majority in the councils of both the cities.

Philadelphia, 19.—Smith, republican, is elected mayor by about 9,000 majority. The Select Council, with the members chosen to-day, will be composed of about 19 republicans and 12 democrats. The common council will be overwhelmingly republican.

New York, 19.—Enquiry was made here to-day about the confidential circular issued by the Railroad Shareholders Association, and signed "John Livingston, President, New York." Railroad men say the circulars which Livingstone spreads broadcast over the land, receive no attention. A Central Pacific Railroad official said his company took no stock in any of Livingstone's schemes. The city directory gives the office of Livingstone in Temple Court. In that building a reporter was informed Livingstone had never occupied any of its offices, and never engaged one.

Washington, 19.—Judge Lawrence, Comptroller of the Treasury, and one of the largest wool growers in the country, says since the tariff act of May last the price of domestic wool has decreased fifteen per cent. Wool growers hope for nothing from this Congress, but will keep demanding a restoration of the tariff, and to secure this end will organize and vote where their interests lie as the whisky interest does.

San Francisco, 19.—It is announced this evening on reliable authority that the Governor has decided to call an extra session of the Legislature to take action in the matter of unpaid State and County taxes due from the Central Pacific for the years 1880-81-82 which, with interest and penalties, amounts to \$1,074,000.

The body of Gen. Ord is expected to reach here the 27th. The following general officers of the army are detailed as pall-bearers: General Bennett, McFeely, Wright, Hazen, Sackett, Rochester, Holabird and Murray.

The Department of State has received information confirming the report of the dangerous illness of Minister Hunt.

Jos. Coburn, of Indiana, is nominated for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Montana.

The bill from the committee on military affairs, to provide for the disposition of abandoned and useless military reservations, provides that the land included within any reservation which has or may become useless for military purposes, shall be placed under the Secretary of the Interior for appraisal and public sale; and also such lands shall not be subject to location by warrants of any description, and shall not be subject to homestead, pre-emption or timber culture laws. In the report accompanying the bill, the committee submits a table showing the number and area of military reservations, which shows 179 such reservations, that aggregate 2,920 acres.

The British government has tendered the United States the use of the steamer *Alert* for the Greely relief expedition. She was built especially for the Arctic and will be used as a supply ship and follow in the wake of the other vessels.

The Secretary of War continues to receive numerous telegrams showing satisfactory progress in the work of the relief fund to the flood sufferers of

the Ohio river and tributaries. The general tenor of the telegram is to the effect that the supplies already distributed are amply sufficient to meet all present needs. There is yet unexpended \$100,000 out of \$500,000 which was appropriated.

Senator Logan introduced in the Senate to-day, by request, a bill to provide for the appointment by the President of an inspector of live stock, dressed meat and hog product for foreign shipment. It is made his duty to inspect the animals and meats and furnish certificates, to be paid by fees.

## WHAT TOM MAXWELL DID.

"Well, you'd like to hear what Tom Maxwell did; but first you ought to know something about him. He's a pupil of old Sawyer, the vicar of Middleham. At the time Maxwell came to Sawyer he had but one other pupil, a tall, young fellow called Denton, most abominably conceited and no favorite with us. I don't know what Denton did, except trifle about and gossip, for he had as genuine liking for scandal as any woman in the place. Somehow or other he gave us all a general impression that the new pupil, Maxwell, was a regular milksop, fresh from his mother's apronstring, and up to none of the ordinary pursuits of other youths. Seeing the samples we had already had, this was good news for us elders, but of course such a character did him no good among the young ladies, and they need to pity one another when Maxwell fell to their lot at a dinner party or dance. He certainly had very little to say for himself, and was uncommonly shy and was, therefore, a great contrast to Denton, who would have thought nothing of strolling up to her majesty at a levee and advising her to let Buckingham Palace. In this way it got to be considered that Maxwell was a muf; and as he did nothing particular to remove this impression it clung to him until the incident took place of which I am going to tell you.

"Well, things went on very quietly until last January. Denton had taken to patronizing Maxwell before people, and often hinted that but for him that unfortunate youth would be always getting into scrapes, and he took much credit to himself for taking the trouble to look after so young and inexperienced a lad. It was on the 20th of January that these two fellows had been dining with us, and it being a fearful night, we had persuaded them both to stay all night, a thing they were often in the habit of doing, and which we knew well would give old Sawyer no anxiety. The wind had been blowing pretty stiff all day from the north, and toward evening it had veered round to the east, and came on to blow a regular gale.

"I had been asleep for about two hours, when Mary awoke me and said she had heard the front door-bell ringing. I guessed at once what it was. I had given directions to the fishermen to send up to the ball whenever there was a ship on shore and I felt certain that this was a message of that import. Accordingly I slipped on my dressing-gown and went down to the door and without opening it asked who was there.

"'Tom Purvis' was the answer. 'What is it, Tom?' I said. 'There's a ship on the Black Steel, sir.'

"'God help them then!' was my first ejaculation. 'I'll be down directly, Tom,' I said, and went up-stairs to dress. Before doing so, however, I thought that these two lads might possibly like the excitement of the scene, and so I went into the double-bedded room where they were sleeping. Upon hearing my errand Denton said that he had a cold, and that he had seen wrecks before, and that he thought he wouldn't come; but young Maxwell immediately began to dress, saying that he didn't think he could sleep comfortably, knowing that probably some unfortunate sailors were perishing so near to us.

"'Will they be able to do anything for them, do you think?' he asked me. 'I fear not,' said I. 'The life-boat won't have a chance in such a sea as there must be, and I fear she may have struck too far off to be reached by a rocket. But be quick with your things, and we'll go down and see.'

"In five minutes we were both down at the hall door, well wrapped up in pilot coats and mufflers, and good need we had of them, I can tell you, for the moment we opened the door the wind and rain rushed in with such force as to nearly blind us, and it required all our united strength to shut it again. Having at last, however, done so, we turned around and faced the tempest. It was, in truth, a fearful night, and we could scarcely make any way against the wind, which blew certainly far stronger than I had ever known it do before. We linked our arms together and managed at last to get down to the beach. The night was so dark that we could see nothing from the fisherman's cottages.

"'Where is she?' said I to an old man who stood at one of the doors. 'She's on the south side of the steel, sir,' said he. 'They're trying to rich her with a rocket from the jetty end.'

"Hurry! to the end we found a tolerably large group of fishermen surrounding the two coast-guardmen who had charge of the rocket apparatus. 'Do you make anything of her, Haruey?' said I to one of the coast guard, who lived in the village and who was a great ally of mine in fishing and boating expeditions.

"'Well, sir,' said he, 'I think she'll be a big French lugger that was knocked about off and on this afternoon. I said

when I see'd her I wouldn't give much chance for her getting into the harbor. It's so fearful dark, sir, that we can scarcely make her out a bit; but I fancy I picked out three masts such as them great ugly French colliers have. We've missed her twice with the rockets—they both fell to leeward of her, but we'll allow enough for this one, sir.'

"As he spoke they got ready to fire another rocket, and this time, as far as they could guess, it went right over the unfortunate vessel. We had now begun to get our eyes accustomed to the darkness, and fancied that we could make out a black, shapeless mass about fifty or eighty yards before us. We could hear the cries of the poor fellows on board clearly enough, and the crushing, grounding sound of the vessel on the rocks; and by the latter sound we knew that unless something was quickly done they would all perish.

"Just then, to the great delight of us all, some one on board fixed a lantern in the rigging, and by its light we could see that the coast guard had been right in his conjectures, and that it was one of those large, unwieldy luggers which trade between our northern coal ports and France. At last, after what seemed to us an immense time, we could just make out that a man was getting carefully over the side of the ship into the cradle, and, pulling the rope, he came toward us in the darkness, and in a few minutes we were able to haul upon the jetty, a miserable, half-drowned Frenchman, who very soon had the neck of a bottle of better cognac than he had ever before tasted thrust into his mouth.

"Off went the cradle again, and back it returned with the same result, until we soon had quite a little French colony, shivering and shaking on the jetty beside us. There only remained now the captain to be brought off, and, to our very great consternation, we made out from one of the crew that he had announced his determination to stick by his ship and wait until morning, when he imagined the sea would go down. His reason for this was an idea he had got into his foolish head, that upon leaving his deck he lost all claim to his vessel, which at once became the property of perfidious Albion, and as this unsightly old lugger was his sole means of subsistence he determined not to give her up.

"It was a marvel to all the experienced sailors on the jetty that she should have held together so long as she had done, and she was expected to break up every minute. What was to be done, then, for this foolish old Frenchman? Was he to be allowed to perish with her, or could anything be done to compel him to save his life?

"We did not know what to do, and began to think that he must be left to his fate, when one of the fishermen was heard to say to another:

"'If some fellow now had the pluck to go off and fetch him! If it wasn't for the wife and bairns I'd go.'

"And what would be the good of that,' said another, 'when you can't jabber a word of his confounded lingo?'

"There was a pause, and then, to my consternation, I heard a quiet voice at my elbow say:

"'That'll be the only plan. I understand French, and will go off to him and explain the matter.'

"'You, Maxwell?' I said. 'Stuff and nonsense, my dear fellow! I won't allow it for a moment!'

"'Excuse me, Mr. Jermyn, but I intend to go. The last time they practised down here I went off for fun, and there's really no more danger now. It's only the darkness and the rain and noise that make it appear a rather perilous undertaking.'

"'No, I'll be hanged if you shall go!' said I. 'Good gracious me! are you to risk your life because a confounded, thick-headed old French skipper chooses to be an obstinate old mule? Besides, you shan't do it, Maxwell, I tell you.'

"His only reply was the taking off his watch, which he quickly handed to me.

"'The wet will injure it,' said he.

"'Now, Maxwell, do be reasonable,' said I. 'For goodness sake, don't do this foolish thing. It's all very well being Quixotic and all that sort of thing, but there's a limit to that, and this is beyond it. Come, let's go home; we can do no good here.'

"I give you my word, Fred, that I was never so miserable in my life before. Here was a boy who was virtually if not actually in my charge going into the most fearful danger, and I was powerless to stop him. If anything happened to this boy, what was I to say to his parents and what would they say to me? Yet nothing we could say would prevent him from going.

"We could just make out that he had reached the vessel, and then a very long time went by without any sign whatever. The excitement in all our minds, and in mine especially, was painful in the extreme. The coast-guardsmen, old experienced men-of-war's men, and the fishermen were all in a state of wonder that the vessel had held together so long, and we all expected that every minute would be her last. At length, after what seemed to be at least an hour, but which, I fancy, could have really been only ten minutes, we saw a man get over the vessel, and soon the ugly cause of our anxiety—a fat, pudgy, elderly Frenchman—was hauled on to the jetty; and if he did get a little roughly handled and shaken in getting him clear of the ropes, why, I don't think he was much to be pitied.

"I need not say that the cradle was sent off again as quickly as possible, and we saw, to our great delight, that young Maxwell was getting into it. We began to haul with a will, but all of a

sudden the vessel seemed to collapse and go to pieces. A great cry arose from all on the jetty, when, to our infinite delight, we heard Maxwell's voice close to us. He had just reached the jetty, when the rope gave way, from the vessel breaking up; but he clung tightly to it, and in a moment he was pulled up among us, and was almost devoured by the delighted fishermen, who crowded round him to shake hands and ply him with brandy.

"It was undoubtedly one of the narrowest escapes that was ever heard of. If he had been a couple of feet further off when the rope gave way nothing could have saved him, for the waves would have dashed him against the jetty and killed him, but he fell just clear of the sea, and we had him up before one of the large waves could come."

I left Coxton the next day, but thought the story of "What Tom Maxwell did" worth record, so here it is.

## A MOTHER'S DISAPPOINTMENT.

A Detroit lawyer who had business in one of the northern counties a short time ago put in a night at a farm house. It was a log structure containing two rooms and such furniture as pioneers get along with. The family consisted of an old man, his wife, and a girl of 20, who was sloshing around barefooted and had a fist like a slugger. After supper the old woman took a seat in front of the lawyer and suddenly asked:

"Do you wear such fine duds all the time?"

"All the time, madam."

"Is that a real diamond in your shirt?"

"It is."

"And I heard you tell the old man you had a horse and buggy at home?"

"Yes ma'am."

"And that watch and chain are real gold, I suppose?"

"Yes, the real stuff."

"Cost as much as \$200?"

"Yes, over \$300."

"My stars! Why you must get as much as \$40 a month and board?" she gasped.

"Madam, I sometimes make \$50 per day," he placidly replied.

"Sho! Why, you are worth a thousand dollars?"

"Yes, ten times that."

"Stars and stars!"

There was an interval of silence as she recovered from her amazement. Then she tiptoed to the corner of the house to see if there was any eaves-droppers. Coming back, she walked up to the lawyer, and dropping her voice to a whisper, said:

"Say! We've been saving Sally these last three years for the boss of the sawmill up the creek, but if you are struck on her and she is struck on you, I'll run the old man six miles through the brush for a preacher to do the splicing."

The lawyer had to decline on the ground of having a wife in Detroit, and the old woman felt so bad that the husband had to rise at midnight, and make her a mustard plaster.—*Detroit Free Press.*

The Indians of Alaska find the telegraph wire laid by the Overland Telegraph Company many years ago at a cost of \$3,000,000, very useful in making salmon nets, and have utilized the bulk of 900 miles of it. The plan was to reach Europe by a direct wire across Behring's Strait and Asia.

A train on the Union Pacific Railroad in Nevada lately ran into a flock of antelope, estimated to contain about 1,500, and was detained nearly an hour. On account of the heavy snow-drifts the animals selected the railroad to travel along. Several were killed by coming in contact with the locomotive. The engineer was obliged to run slowly for some time until the animals shaped their course across the prairie.

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