

George Washington. The portrait, however, did not long remain there, for General Reyes, governor of Nuevo Leon, declaring that Washington was too great and good a man to have his likeness used for such a purpose, ordered it to be removed.

The senatorial seat which Plumb vacated by his death, and to which Perkins succeeds, observes the New York World, has had an eventful history. General Lane, who held it first, committed suicide. Governor Carney, who occupied it for a brief period, found it a grave for his political hopes. E. G. Ross, who went out of politics after the Johnson impeachment proceedings, is now a prisoner in New Mexico, poor, forgotten and politically dead. Plumb died before his time. The other Kansas senatorial seat has had but three occupants in 30 years—Pomeroy, Ingalls and Peffer.

Writing to the New York Times of the late Sir William White, British ambassador at Constantinople, Mr. Harold Frederic, the well-known correspondent, says: "He was the one English ambassador of many who have ambled in the past twenty-five years through the spacious corridors of Constantinople, who was able to pick his way erect and untroubled through the net-work of intrigue and counter-intrigue ceaselessly woven by French, Russian, Austrian, and Turkish diplomacy. His wide familiarity with the language and habits of mind of the different races with whose representatives he was brought into contact, enabled him easily to parry and check each move made by Russia and her sympathizers in the intricate game of cross purposes that has been played with unflagging persistence on the Bosphorus for the last 100 years, but with renewed and increased activity during the last 10."

Eight hundred and sixty-one post-offices were robbed by burglars in this country last year. What particular attraction postoffices have for burglars isn't apparent to the non-professional eye, but these statistics seem to show that they have a fondness for these establishments.

Lieut. Fred Rourke is cited as having stated that the Pine Ridge Indians are feeling ugly and that nothing restrains them from engaging in "another" outbreak against the poor, innocent, inoffensive white people except the fear of their supplies being cut off. Now, we thought that it had been admitted all round, after investigation, that last winter's raid was an attack upon the Indians by the whites. Perhaps Lieut. Rourke did not read up on the leading features of that campaign.

A Cincinnati woman who boarded a street car the other day and had to stand, refused to pay her fare unless she was provided with a seat. When the conductor insisted on her paying, she snappishly asked: "Can you change a \$20 bill?" "Yes," he replied. "Let me see the change then," she answered. So he took out \$19.95 change and showed it to her. But she didn't produce the bill. After glaring at him and the change for a moment, she handed him a nickel.

The police at St. Petersburg, Russia, have sent notice to all the saloon-keepers in the neighborhood of the factories, that they will be heavily fined if they continue selling spirituous drinks to laborers on trust or beguile the laborers to drink in any other way. It appears from this that the saloon is not supreme in the Czar's dominion as it is in some parts of our own country.

It was recently stated in the telegrams that the Catholic Church was behind the Garza revolution and supplying that notorious individual with the sinews of war. A Laredo special to the New York Herald contains some startling statements on the subject. It says: "The papers found in the saddle bags of Pablo Munoz, one of the captured revolutionists, throws a great deal of light on the situation. It proves conclusively that the Clerical party is furnishing the money with which the campaign is being conducted. In all the forays made by Garza he has not stolen or plundered the smallest article. On the other hand he has paid cash at top prices for what he has needed. Where all his money was coming from has been puzzling the American and Mexican authorities. It is now ascertained that Montes de Oca, Bishop of Monterey, is the financial agent of the Clerical party in supplying Garza with funds."

Congress is about to enter upon an investigation of the persecution of the Jews in Russia, in accord with a resolution introduced by Mr. Morse. It has been shown that any attempt at interference with the programme of the Czar on this subject only exasperates that autocrat and causes him to be more rigorous in his treatment of the unfortunate Hebrews in his dominion. Viewing the subject from the standpoint of this demonstrated fact, the question naturally arises as to whether the amelioration of the condition of the unfortunate Jews in Russia or the Jewish vote in this country is the most powerful factor in the present investigation.

Mr. Willard, the actor who has lately been rapidly climbing the ladder of fame and who will appear at the Theatre on the 20th, is a man of striking appearance. He is slightly over medium height, and has a handsome figure, which he poses with studied grace when off the stage, being in the habit of assuming picturesque attitudes, which he frequently changes. We have seen him often, surrounded by numbers of other people, but the eye of the observer instinctively turns toward him in preference to other persons who may be near. His hair, originally black, is prematurely streaked with grey. He wears it rather long. His forehead is high rather than broad, the whole face being somewhat long. The countenance is expressive and the features well formed, except, to a slight extent, the mouth, the lips having a tendency to keep apart, showing a set of pearly teeth. We have not seen him perform, but we doubt not he is an able artist.

E. M. Dasher, manager of Hoyt's "A Texas Steer," is in the city. He is sojourning at the Knutsford.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

MOALESTER, I. T., Jan. 8.—News from Krebs, the scene of the explosion in the mine of the Osage Coal and Mining Company, in which heavy loss of life is reported, states that it occurred yesterday afternoon just before the day shift was off and came out of the mine for supper. A puff of smoke was seen to escape from the mouth of a single shaft to a mine and immediately following this, there was heard a terrible report followed by heavy rumbling. The men at the top of the shaft at once sounded the alarm and made preparations to send down a rescuing party, but found the mouth of the shaft completely closed up by debris. Efforts were at once made to clear this away. There are between 180 and 200 men entombed in the mine and it is believed every one will lose his life, for the shaft is a single one with no means for air to get to the entombed men.

Over two hundred men are killed and a large number fatally injured. Ten bodies are already taken out of the shaft.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 8.—A special from McAllister, I. T., says that last night there was an explosion in a mine and as a result over 200 men now lie dead and about 40 fatally hurt and many badly burned. At 5:10 p. m. mine No. 11, owned by the Osage Coal and Mining Co., at Krebs, exploded. At the time, 350 men were in the shaft, most of whom were waiting for the cage to take them out and the foot of the shaft is one mass of dead bodies. Eighty-five men came out by the old entry and forty-three were saved by the shaft, most of whom were more or less burned and bruised, and half of them will probably die. This leaves about 223 men yet in the mine, and in all probability 200 dead. At 7:10 a. m. ten dead men were brought out and only one could be recognized, the remains being so mutilated. Thousands of anxious wives and mothers are eagerly watching those coming to the surface, hoping to see their loved ones, only to turn away disappointed. The explosion was caused by the firing of a shot when the gas was in the mine. At this time it is impossible to learn the exact number of the dead and wounded.

PROF. EVAN STEPHENS EXPLAINS.

Editor Deseret News:

I deeply regretted to see in Mr. Ellis' communication in yesterday's News that a certain glee club was traduced because of its non-appearance at his lecture. With your permission, I would like, in justice to the club, to shoulder the entire responsibility, if any there be.

At the request of a friend I had promised to try and induce some of my musical acquaintances to render a selection once in a while at these lectures. On meeting Mr. Ellis I also promised him the same, and mentioned a certain club of young men which I thought would oblige me by favoring him. On seeing him later he asked me if the performers would be present on Sunday night, Dec. 27th. I told him I was not then positive. When he asked if he should not announce music