

structed the Mexican national observatory to furnish every possible aid to them in their work. Scientific men look upon this enterprise as the most important of the nineteenth century.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—The World this morning says: Knights of Labor and the American Federation of Labor through their officers have demanded a revision of the lists from which the grand jurors of the county are selected. The labor organizations allege that too many capitalists and too few working-men are on the lists to insure justice.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 11.—While counseling American missionaries to remain at their posts in Anatolia, Minister Terrell has induced the removal of the children of the missionaries to places of safety.

MILFORD, Mass., Nov. 11.—The three men who were injured by the bursting of a naphtha retort in the screw factory of William Knowlton & Son, at West Upton, yesterday, where a water gas plant was being constructed, died in the hospital during the night. They were Fred. G. Bulmahan, superintendent of the Western Water Gas construction company, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; Thomas Williamson and John Williamson, brothers. Superintendent Bulmahan was testing the plant. The valve sprang a leak and the fluid ran down on the heater. The naphtha was ignited and a terrific explosion followed. The three men who died were blown out of the building, and when picked up the skin peeled from their faces.

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., Nov. 11.—Fourteen buildings in the business portion of the city were burned last night, entailing a loss of \$50,000. Newbury, a porter of Front street hotel, was burned to death. It is rumored that others lost their lives, but no other bodies have been recovered. Thirty guests escaped through the windows in their night clothing.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—A dispatch to the Herald from Panama, Colombia, says:

A correspondent in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, telegraphs that a report is current to the effect that revolutionary plans are on foot in the republic. The government has information that the conspirators had planned to make simultaneous attacks on the barracks of Dauli, Comayagua, Santa Barbara and Tegucigalpa.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—The Globe this afternoon confirms an "undeniable authority" the statement made in a St. Petersburg dispatch to the Times, quoting the Novosti as saying that toward the close of the war between China and Japan, China offered to cede Formosa to Great Britain unconditionally with the view of excluding the Japanese from that territory, but Lord Roseberry, the then prime minister, promptly declined the offer.

Continuing, the Globe adds that the offer from China was made through the Viceroy of Hankow.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—It was announced today in the postoffice that in a week or two the first horseless mail wagone ever used in the United States will be put upon the streets of this city. They will be employed in the collection of mail from letter boxes about the city, and letters thus collected are to be sorted, stamped and sent to their proper railway stations without going

to the general postoffice or any branch office.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—Peyton R. Chandler, for forty years one of Chicago's financiers and founder and first president of the Union Stock yards, died at his home in this city last night. Mr. Chandler was born in Chester, Vermont, January 29, 1817. While president of the stock yards company he became interested in railroads and in 1878, acting as the personal representative of several powerful railroads, went to Japan to look over and see what sort of a field it offered for American development. The railroad system of Japan, as it is today, is one of the fruits of Mr. Chandler's visit.

CHICAGO, Nov. 11.—The Tribune prints a list of 275 mills and factories which have resumed business since Nov. 3rd, giving employment to 155,495 men.

OGALALLA, Neb., Nov. 11.—The Union Pacific passenger, westbound No. 3, from Denver, struck a broken rail here today. The tourist car, two chair cars and one Pullman were turned over in the ditch. Fifteen passengers were hurt, but none seriously.

One woman complains of severe pains in her back and may be seriously injured. One man was badly cut on the head. No others were seriously injured.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—A dispatch from Bombay says in eleven districts of Decacan and Concan, a million and a quarter people are believed to be on the verge of starvation.

Riots have occurred at Shahabad and Kazod.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—The exclusive information by the Associated Press that King Oscar II of Sweden and Norway has been agreed on as the fifth and final arbitrator in the Venezuelan question, and that the other four arbitrators will be named by the judicial authorities of the two countries, two by the lord chief justice of England and two by the justice of the United States, has been fully verified from authoritative sources. The final announcement is likely to be made at an early day.

Those best acquainted with the facts have stated that the Associated Press report covered all the essential particulars. The additional information can be given that the agreement is that King Oscar II will be the fifth arbitrator, with the understanding that if his royal functions are such as to make it undesirable for him to sit with the arbitrators, he will designate another, probably his chief justice, to participate in the formal meetings. At the same time it is the king whom the two governments will regard as the final arbitrator, even though he should designate some one to serve for him in that capacity. The personnel of the judicial members of the commission has not been determined and no names are mentioned, except that the solicitor general of England may be one of those designated.

HONOR TO AGE.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., there assembled over sixty relatives and friends of "Aunt Margaret" Merrill, widow of the late Albert Merrill, at the resi-

dence of her youngest son, Marlon Merrill, of the Seventeenth ward, this city, in commemoration of her 80th anniversary birthday.

The assemblage consisted mostly of the descendants of Mother Merrill, there being present children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, also nephews and nieces, daughter-in-law and granddaughter-in-law, grandson-in-law, a sister-in-law and many other more distant relatives-in-law.

She is the mother of four living children, three sons and one daughter, viz.: Clarence, Franklin, Marlon and Ellenor, two of whom were not present, namely, Clarence, her eldest son, who resides in the southern part of the State, and Franklin, who resides near his mother, but was unable to join in the celebration because of his serious illness. Expressions of sympathy on his behalf, plainly manifested how much "cousin" or "Uncle Frank" was missed.

"Aunt Margaret" is also grandmother to thirty-two grandchildren, twenty-one of whom are living, and she has fifteen great grandchildren, the youngest a baby boy of two months being present in the arms of its mother, Mrs. B. T. Lloyd.

Among the company present were "Aunt" Bathsheba Smith, "Aunt" Mary Ann Merrill Pratt, and eight of her grown children, "Aunt" Mary Mary Bouton, widow of the late "Capt." Bouton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmer, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Plant, Mrs. J. U. Eldredge and daughter, Miss Ruth Eldredge, Mr. and Mrs. Milando Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Horne, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Lloyd, Mr. Albert M. Merrill, Miss Ella Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merrill Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Lester Merrill, Mr. B. H. Young, Mrs. J. M. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Barnaby Mrs. W. Lunnon, Mr. Mark Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Barrell, Miss Ashton, Mrs. Franklin Merrill and daughter, and others.

Two large tables were beautifully decorated with flowers and laden in rich abundance with the "picnic" brought together for the occasion.

Mother Merrill, with her respected husband, arrived in the Valley in 1852. Although she has passed through and endured patiently the many hardships incident to a frontier life, she is a remarkable and well preserved woman. A good "Yankee" guesser, would, no doubt, guess around the sixties, rather than risk his reputation near the seventies or eighties in guessing her age.

The probabilities are apparently in her favor that she may outlive the nineteenth century, and possibly she may survive to see her centennial.

She joyfully received the congratulations of her many friends and duly appreciated their coming together to do her honor.

May "Aunt Margaret" live to enjoy many such anniversaries and to witness the restoration to health of her dear son Franklin, now so severely and seriously afflicted, is the wish and prayer of her affectionate friends and relatives and of her nephew,

MILANDO PRATT.
SALT LAKE CITY, N. v. 16, 1896.

Omaha Stockman, Nov. 10: Messrs. Brown & Bernard were here from Saltine, Utah, with twelve cars of cattle and two double-deck cars of sheep.