

## AT HOME AND ABROAD.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—Assistant Secretary of the Interior Reynolds rendered a decision today which will greatly enlarge the pensions rolls. It will admit to pensions a large number of insane, idiotic and permanently helpless minor children of deceased soldiers, where the pensions of the former had ceased by the children attaining the age of sixteen years prior to the act of June 27th, 1890, the decision holding that the act of 1890 has the effect of restoring these dependent persons to the rolls during life, or the continuance of the disability.

EL RENO, O. T., March 27.—A peculiarly horrible murder was committed in Cheyenne county, Saturday. A Mrs. Williams, it appears, had left her baby in the care of its two brothers, Gibson, aged 6, and another boy still younger. During the mother's absence Gibson slipped up to the bed upon which the child lay and beat it to death with a club.

After having killed the baby, the two boys dragged the body to the rear of the house and were preparing to bury it when discovered. Gibson, though seemingly aware of the enormity of his deed, refuses to give his reasons for committing it.

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, March 27.—E. E. Thompson, who is walking from the United States to South America on a wager, passed through this city. He looked the "worse for wear," and people stared at him in wonder.

NEW YORK, March 27.—The route usually taken by the western-bound steamships at this season is literally blocked with ice and the commanders of several vessels, which left the other side before the bergs began drifting down on the Labrador current, have doubtless been surprised to find themselves nipped in immense fields.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 27.—Mysterious mail robberies, detectives who cannot find the thieves, and hundreds of angry correspondents whose money has gone astray have lately been making life miserable for certain vendors of patent medicines and cosmetics at South Bend.

More than \$10,000 is said to have disappeared in some mysterious way from the letters sent to South Bend, and notwithstanding the efforts of the post-office inspectors the leak has not been discovered. Most of the money has been taken from letters addressed to a patent medicine concern.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—A distinguished company gathered in the Senate chamber this morning and participated in the funeral services over the remains of Senator Colquitt. The President was absent, but all the members of the cabinet, except Lamont, were there, together with the members of the Supreme Court and the diplomatic corps. The family of the senator and immediate friends occupied seats to the left of the vice president and Speaker Crisp, and the honorary pall bearers, consisting of members of the two houses, formed a semi-circle back of them.

HONESDALE, Pa., March 28.—Charlie Young, an eleven-year-old boy whose parents live in Carbondale, was

brought to this city and lodged in jail upon the charge of train wrecking. It is alleged that he and a youthful companion named Arthur Taylor threw a switch at Plane Eleven and derailed a train of Delaware & Hudson coal cars. A passenger train following the coal train narrowly escaped disaster from the same cause. The boys say they did it for fun.

NEW YORK, March 28.—Dr. Emery, health commissioner for Brooklyn, issued an address last evening declaring smallpox to be an epidemic in Brooklyn as well as in New York. Dr. Emery calls upon all classes of people to submit to vaccination and declares that unless his advice be followed the ravages of the disease will be something to be dreaded.

ALLIANCE, Ohio, March 28.—Coxey's army broke camp after a good night's rest on clean straw and a plentiful breakfast of fried ham and pork, bread and coffee at 9 o'clock this morning, with 193 men in line by actual count. The next camp will be at Salem, thirteen miles distant. It is scheduled to reach there by 2 p. m., but the thaw of yesterday, followed by a freeze last night, rendered the roads rough, and the end of the journey will probably not be reached on time.

LOCKPORT, N. Y., March 28.—The citizens of Newfane village and vicinity are much excited over alleged spirit communications from deceased residents of the village. Business has been practically suspended and everybody attends the seances. The epidemic is spreading and the leading church members are investigating the subject. The orthodox worshipers at first pronounced it a delusion of the devil.

GALESBURG, Ill., March 28.—The First Church was packed last night, the occasion being the annual oratorical contest by students of Knox College. The orations were all of unusual merit. The first prize was awarded to Otto A. Hauerbach of Salt Lake City, Utah, whose subject was "The Hero of Compromise."

Hauerbach will represent Knox at the inter-collegiate contest next fall.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The proposed amendment to the preamble of the Constitution, "acknowledging the supreme authority and just government of the Almighty God in all the affairs of men and nations," has been finally disposed of by the House committee on judiciary, when it was decided to lay on the table.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The following is the letter of Vice President Stevenson transmitting the condolence of the United States Senate to the family of Louis Kossuth:

"In the Senate of the United States, March 26.

"To the family of Louis Kossuth: I have the honor to send you a copy of a resolution adopted by the Senate of the United States, March 25, 1894:

"In obedience to the decree of the Senate I hereby tender you respectful condolence for the loss you, in common with the whole world, have sustained in the death of this illustrious patriot and lover of liberty. The people

of the United States still remember his visit in 1851. The profound affection and respect with which he inspired them still abide in their hearts. Though a citizen of a foreign and distant land, he spoke our language as if it were his native tongue. His consummate eloquence made a great and permanent addition to the treasures of our literature. We are glad to bear witness that to the cause of constitutional liberty—his cause and our cause—he remained faithful to the end."

"I have the honor to remain, with great respect, your obedient servant, A. E. Stevenson, Vice President of the United States."

NEW YORK, March 28.—George Tichnor Curtis, the lawyer and writer of political economy, died today of pneumonia, aged 82.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The statement that Howard Gould, a third son of the late Jay Gould, and Miss Odette Tyler, the young actress, were engaged to be married, was confirmed today by Mr. Gould and Miss Tyler herself.

GARFIELD, O., March 28.—The weary commonweal straggled into Beloit at noon, five miles out of Alliance and seventy-two from Pittsburg. The march was broken at Niles Junction, where Marshal Brown called a halt for half an hour. Horn blowing and chaffing from the villagers greeted the woe-begone army. Some of the boys had several bushels of snowballs prepared for the army, but the appearance of the men was so forlorn that they were allowed to pass through unmolested. Several have deserted, and there is much grumbling. The army, sixty-seven strong, passed through Damascus at 1:30 p. m., and was jeered by the people of the village. Owing to the rough roads the marchers have not been able to make schedule time today.

EL PASO, Texas, March 28.—"General" Fry, who is still at Sierra Blanca, ninety miles east of here, with 470 men, wired A. L. Whiteside, of this city: "We need provisions and boxcar transportation to San Antonio. Can anything be done for us?"

This afternoon \$200 worth of provisions for the hungry men was forwarded by express.

HUDSON, Wis., March 29.—United States Marshal Oakley, of Madison, brought William Sauntry, the prominent Stillwater, Minn., lumberman here last night. He is charged with unlawfully cutting 664,000 feet of government timber in Douglas county. Sauntry was given a hearing before United States Commissioner Helms and bound over in \$1,000 bonds to appear at the April term of the district court at Madison. Sauntry is the fourth lumberman who has been arrested on a like charge.

OTTUMWA, Iowa, March 29.—A bicycle last night saved from capture Bill Cramer, the Albia desperado, who held the Albia officers at bay last week and escaped. The officers got wind of his presence here and started to make his capture. When they first caught sight of Cramer he was on foot and had a good start, being just beyond pistol range. Seeing that his pursuers were gaining on him, the desperate man seized a bicycle which was standing in front of a store and mounting it was soon off like the wind. Before the