

of its officials to enter upon examination of the papers submitted in each case with patience, and without bias for or against. So far as lies in my power this will be done. If from examination of the rolls it appears that the government is being robbed, the payment of money to the unworthy will be discontinued. I am certain that genuine veterans everywhere ask only fair dealing."

There are to be no more civilian Indian agents appointed, except where the Indians are in a highly advanced stage of civilization. Such was the announcement made this week by Secretary Smith, and it means that two-thirds or more of the Indian agents are to be army officers, which isn't at all pleasing to the numerous gentlemen who are anxious to become Indian agents. It isn't pleasing to the army officers, either, for as a rule they do not wish to serve as Indian agents.

President Cleveland is much pleased as he has a right to be, at his success in acting as a mediator between Japan and Corea and bringing about a peaceful settlement of a dispute that at one time threatened to cause a war between those two nations.

The Cherokee Indians will not as at first intended negotiate in Wall street the \$6,000,000 in bonds which they propose issuing on the basis of the deferred payments from the government for the "Cherokee outlet," but will advertise for bids for the whole amount, to be opened in this city. These bonds will bear 4 per cent interest, and will practically be guaranteed by the government.

Almost a sensation was created by the report of Assistant Attorney General Colby on the investigation of the weather bureau, which he recently conducted, which was made to Secretary Morton this week. While the report makes no specific recommendations it raps the officials of the bureau over the knuckles from beginning to end, particularly the chief, Prof. Harrington, and indicates rather plainly the belief of its maker that it would be advantageous to have the bureau put back under military control, and closes by quoting the expenses of the bureau since it has been under its present management and what they were under General Greeley.

NEWS OF THE WEST.

A recent report from Reedley, Fresno county, is to the effect that the farmers in that vicinity will have a better crop of grain this year than last.

The executive committee of the County Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of San Diego will try to have the next international session held at San Francisco.

At the special city election held at Auburn, Cal., recently, the proposition to bond the city in the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of providing a system of sewerage was carried almost unanimously.

Oliver Stewart deliberately committed suicide at Superior, Mont., Wednesday morning by cutting his throat from ear to ear with a sharp hunting knife. Domestic infidelity appears to have been the cause.

At the next meeting of the California prison directors, Quan Ah Chee, who, nearly twelve years ago, was imprisoned in San Quentin for his natural life for murder, will be recommended for pardon, and in a day or two thereafter he will walk forth a free man.

Lou Barrows and Melvin Snyder despoiled two fine plate windows in the Ruffan block, San Bernardino, by scratching names on them with a diamond. Sunday they went to Santa Ana, where they were arrested Tuesday and charged with malicious mischief. The owner of the building says he will prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law.

The news has been brought to Las Vegas, N. M., of a most dastardly deed committed at Pagosa Springs, six miles out. Two bodies beaten almost into a jelly with stones and supposed to be those of Manuel Maldonado and a sheepherder in the employ of Trinidad Griego, were found tightly bound to wandering burros. The faces of the unfortunate men were beaten almost beyond recognition.

Governor Hughes of Arizona has appointed Dr. George E. Goodfellow of Tucson territorial quarantine health officer to corporate with the California state board of health in the matter of establishing quarantine stations on the line of the Southern Pacific and Atlantic and Pacific roads, east of the Colorado river, in the event of Cholera, and to arrange other precautionary measures.

Says the *Wasatch Wave*, May 23rd: Mrs. John Nelson, aged 70 years, was found dead in bed on the morning of the 16th inst. The funeral services were held at the residence on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Nelson was a woman of whom but little is known, even among her nearest neighbors and friends. She has been a great sufferer, having been partially blind for a good many years and totally blind for several years past. She has also been deaf for several years. The family have lived here for about twelve years. She leaves a husband, but her children have all died before her. Through all her sickness and affliction she would not allow anybody to come in to help her. She was Swedish, but the Swedish people say they could not get acquainted with her. This accounts for the apparent neglect.

Within a couple of months from now every dive in town should be closed says the *San Francisco Chronicle*. The present licenses of the dives extend over a period of three months, and the ordinance adopted by the supervisors last Monday night provides that hereafter no license to sell liquor shall be granted to persons conducting places where women are employed or suffered to attend in any manner to the wants of patrons, or where theatrical performances or exhibitions are given. The plan is to refuse licenses to such places when their present privileges expire, and unless the law is declared invalid by the supreme court the city will be rid of the dives in a very short time. The divekeepers are alive to the gravity of their situation. Already they have taken steps to annul the law. At a meeting held on Thursday in the Eureka music hall about fifty divekeepers were present and they held an animated discussion on the subject.

William Benford Lacy, a young druggist who committed suicide in Santa Ana, Cal., last Tuesday night by taking a half handful of morphine powder, was a triple murderer and hanged from Anniston, Ala., where the murders were committed about three years ago. A letter has been received from J. W. Willet, a prominent attorney of Anniston, asking if one William B. Lacy had really killed himself in Santa Ana. He further stated that Lacy was a triple murderer and that there were three indictments for murder now against him. About three years ago Lacy shot a prominent citizen of Anniston down like a dog without a moment's warning, to avenge a supposed wrong done a friend, and then to clear himself, like Murrell, turned upon the only two witnesses of his dastardly crime—one of whom was a boy only 13 years old—and mercilessly shot them through and through. Then he hastily took his departure from Alabama, since which time he had been a resident of Santa Ana under the name of William Benford. Last Tuesday a telegram was sent to a sister of Lacy's in Anniston, informing her of his tragic end, and this proved to be the first information the officers there had of his whereabouts. Although Lacy was, for the past few years, dissipated, he made money and friends, and the information received now that he was an atrocious murderer can scarcely be believed.

SAD BEREVEMENT.

At 7:30 last evening, May 28th, Catherine Elliott Pearson, wife of Henry Pearson, who has been engineer at the News office for a number of years, died at the family residence, 224 H street, the cause being Bright's disease and a series of complications. Her demise was entirely unexpected by the family. She was quite weak and known to be very ill, having suffered great pain the past few days. She had asked her husband to turn her from one side to the other in bed, and he had just done so when she sank back and died.

Sister Pearson was a most excellent wife and mother, and her departure from life falls heavily upon the bereaved husband and family. There are five little children bereft of a mother's care, the eldest being eleven and the youngest two years of age. A host of friends condole with them in their hour of deep affliction, and trust that He who doeth all things well will bring to them that comfort and care which cannot be extended by human power.

A TEXAS minister says the World's Fair, and all Chicago for that matter, will go to general smash on the 18th of July. Why couldn't he postpone the catastrophe for a week or so? Utah Day ought at least to have a chance.

THE NEW YORK *Sun* very cleverly points out that whereas much comment is made over the fact that lands sold for \$277,000 that were bought of aborigines for a jug of whisky, it might be useful to complete the list of all the lands worth \$277,000 that have been sold for a jug of whisky, and not by red aborigines, either.