

### CURRENT TOPICS.

From linen collars are going, 'tis said. The bird on the hat is less seen than of yore.

The streets of Vienna are swept and washed every morning.

ZINKER has made its appearance among Battle Creek (Mich.) horses.

The harp as a fashionable instrument grows in favor in New York.

A funds to keep Goddard's grave in order has been started in London.

The capacity of the United States steel rail factories is 3,671,000 tons a year.

Mr. Green and Miss Blue, both black, are betrothed to wed in Leavenworth.

Over 6,000 accident suits are pending against the electric roads in New York.

Miss Elizabeth Phanny, the enthusiastic kindergarten, is past eighty-three years old.

The question of teaching German in the public schools is under discussion in St. Louis.

An effort is being made to unite the coal miners of this country into a national organization.

Three New York saloon-keepers have been sentenced to break stone in the jail for selling liquor on Sunday.

A terrible disease, known as black snailpox, is raging in parts of Mexico, and has crossed into Arizona.

Nearly all the Eastern railroads are introducing some kind of steam device for heating their passenger coaches.

A turkey which when dressed weighed twenty-four pounds is one of the productions which Cole County, Mo., breeds of.

The late Mr. A. B. Merrill, who died in the hospital, was a well-known and successful business man, who was engaged in the real estate business.

Preparations are being made in St. Paul for the winter carnival and the work of rebuilding the ice palace will begin early.

A. Merrill, (W. A.) business man bought a white cow, and after studying her with advertisements let her run the streets.

Q. A. Ward has been selected as the sculptor for the Beecher monument, for which a fund of \$25,000 is already subscribed.

An exchange says Nina Van Zandt and George Francis Train ought to get married, and then star the country as the greatest living fools.

The books on Indian corn are thin, and the golden rod was yellower than usual. This, the weather-wise say, is indicative of an open winter.

A granite shaft in memory of the Confederate General "Jeb" Stuart is shortly to be erected near Yellow Tavern, Va., where he was killed.

A new line has been invented that turns a square cornered stick to fit the hole made by the square bore auger, invented a few years ago.

CHATTANOOGA COUNTY, Kan., in which Iowa is situated, has gone into cotton raising this year. It is ginned at Iowa.

A Pennsylvania syndicate has purchased 20,000 acres of land in Walker County, Ga., and will erect furnaces and build a railroad to Chattanooga.

The bitter feeling between Germany and Russia has broken out into a war, and both countries are building fortifications along their respective frontiers.

There are now 137 convicts in the Kansas penitentiary. Up to the present time a large force has been employed upon the extension of the penitentiary walls.

The King of Corea furnished his winter palace with 15,000 worth of American chairs, beds and tables. He also bought an American steamer for \$25,000.

The U. S. Consul at Demerara reports that the planters in that colony are abandoning the English market and manufacturing sugar for the United States.

An advertisement in a Georgia paper for a man to watch a store in Tampa, Fla., during the yellow fever epidemic, was answered by upwards of a score of persons.

A veteran clock-repairer at Modous, Ct., has made himself a coffin from a chestnut log, in which he wishes to be cremated, becoming a sort of roasted chestnut, as it were.

The Mexican Government has contracted with an American to plant 2,000,000 trees in the Mexican Valley. The varieties are to be ash, poplar, acacia and mountain cedar.

A railroad station agent at Mountain View, N. Y., in his leisure time has whittled out of 200 pieces of wood a perfect model of a locomotive and tender. He was five months at the job.

JAMES D. FISH, ex-president of the Marine Bank, who is now in Arizona prison, is said to be one of the most patient, well disciplined and uncomplaining men in that institution.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor pays her chief cook \$7,000 per annum, and then has to content herself with eating the plainest kind of fare. She is troubled with dyspepsia in her forties.

Dr. Lechen Howe says blindness is on the increase in the United States, and that we now have with us fifty thousand blind.

Contagion and immigration are set down among the chief causes.

There is a fencing school in Broadway, New York, that is for women only. A small sign beside the doorway says: "Fencing school for ladies. Gives health, strength, beauty and grace."

The president of the Western Union Telegraph company announces the company's intention to make a uniform rate of twenty-five cents for ten words between any two points in the same State.

A German brass finisher, who committed suicide in a New York boarding-house, left a note for the landlady, saying that he was sorry to trouble her, but the weather compelled him to kill himself indoors.

The tower which is being erected by the Russians on the highest point of the Mount of Olives is already several stories high, and but one more is to be added. It is to be as high as both the Medians' minaret and Dead Sea may be seen from the top.

As estimates of the value of the products of the orchards and vineyards of California in 1887 has been made, which foots up a total of nearly \$18,000,000. More than five-sixths of the whole amount was produced in Central California.

The old family Bible that belonged to "Mary, the mother of Washington," is still in existence, and is kept in a branch of the Washington family in Virginia. It contains the family register, recording the birth of George Washington, February 22, 1732. The binding has a cover of cloth woven by the hands of his mother.

### GONE DOWN.

**The Propeller Vernon Caught in a Torpedo Gale.**

Her Entire Crew and Passengers Believed to be Lost.

MENARD, Wis., Oct. 30.—The passenger-propeller Vernon was wrecked in the terrible gale that swept Lake Michigan yesterday, and her entire crew of twenty-two persons and the passengers, number unknown, are supposed to have been lost. It involves a greater loss of life than any of the previous disasters on the lake this season, not excepting the propeller Champlain, which burned early in the spring off Charlevoix, drowning twenty-four persons. A most singular coincidence is that the Vernon was the vessel which took the place of the Champlain in the Northern Michigan Line, and had only been on the line since August 1. She was one of the finest furnished passenger boats on the lakes, and had a valuation of \$2,000. Captain Moran, of the steamship Superior, which arrived here at 5:30 o'clock last night, brought the first news of the wreck. Capt. Moran saw the crew on four rafts, and also a small boat containing a woman and three men. Though he made an effort to save them, the high sea prevented him from rendering any assistance, the superior herself being disabled. He said: "To pass one man on a raft appealing for our help, another dying from exposure, and a small boat in which we could see one woman and three men, one of the latter hailing with a coat stuck up on his ear, all being tossed about in a terrible sea, without our being able to render them any assistance, was heartrending in the extreme." The sinking of the propeller was reported by a tug near Manitowish, Wis., soles all doubt regarding the identity of the vessel. Scarcely any other traces of the cargo have been seen to-day, and nothing has been heard of these on board.

### ANNIHILATION.

**Saloon at Russellville, Ind., Blown Up by Dynamite—A Bad Wreck Made of It.**

KOKOMO, Ind., Oct. 28.—Russellville, a thriving village of one thousand inhabitants, two miles west of here in Howard County, was shaken from stem to stern about one o'clock this morning by a terrific explosion, arousing the natives, who, upon investigation, found the only saloon in the place, belonging to Peter Kempf, located opposite the Chandler Hotel, had been blown up with dynamite. Indications were that the explosive had been placed under the floor beneath the bar, blowing it to atoms, demolishing the building generally, also blowing away part of the office of John Orr's livery stable, badly stunning a young man asleep there, rendering him unconscious for hours. No clue to the perpetrators. The citizens of Russellville have fought bitterly every application for license to sell liquor there. Kempf applied for license, which the commissioners refused. He appealed to the Circuit Court. A change of venue had been taken to Clinton County, while awaiting next court at Frankfort he was doing business under Government license.

### SOLD TOO CHEAPLY.

**Robert Garrett's Chief Cause of Complaint.**

In Parting With the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 27.—Robert Garrett and party spent yesterday in driving about the city. The party called on ex-Governor Ramsey, with whom they spent a few hours. During the afternoon Mr. Garrett took a drive with Senator Sabin. Mr. Garrett not only took a great deal of interest in all that was shown him, but talked freely on the subject of the recent sale of the Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph Company to the Western Union. "One thing that was gained by Mr. Gould in securing the franchise," said Mr. Garrett, "was that the increase of the rate of telegraph tolls five cents meant \$1,000,000 a year to his company, and with the Baltimore and Ohio out of the way he was enabled to save the interest on \$3,000,000 more. One of the things that annoyed me most was when I heard that the company had been sold out for \$5,000,000, when we should have had \$10,000,000 for it. Those were the figures that I fixed upon when the subject of a sale was first broached, and they should have been adhered to. The property was worth it, and Mr. Gould knew it, else he would not have been so anxious to close negotiations. This is merely a sample of the manner in which Mr. Gould conducted the matter, and the burden of his complaint was that he had not been dealt fairly with in the transaction. Mr. Frick, a brother-in-law of Mr. Garrett, said that the purpose of Mr. Garrett's trip was to obtain needed rest from business, and that he had been attending to all correspondence. "So far as any statement from Mr. Garrett is concerned," continued Mr. Frick, "we do not think there is any urgent necessity for such action as this. If the rest of the matter were a communication to the public, we would think that will go far toward clearing up numerous misstatements growing out of the recent sale of the telegraph company."

### THE ANARCHISTS' PLEA.

**Argument on the Motion for a Writ of Error Begins in the Federal Supreme Court.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—The hearing of arguments for and against the motion for a writ of error in the case of the seven convicted Anarchists, was begun yesterday in the Federal Supreme Court, before the full bench of the court. The hearing of the motion for a writ of error in the case of the seven convicted Anarchists, was begun yesterday in the Federal Supreme Court, before the full bench of the court. The hearing of the motion for a writ of error in the case of the seven convicted Anarchists, was begun yesterday in the Federal Supreme Court, before the full bench of the court.

### BOILERS EXPLODE.

**Causing the Fatal Scalding of Four Persons and the Destruction of Considerable Property.**

NEW PHILADELPHIA, O., Oct. 28.—About five o'clock this evening the large double-boiler at Holden's brick-work works, at Mineral Point, this county, exploded with terrific force, fatally scalding four persons and seriously injuring five others. The following names are reported fatally hurt: Frank Harter, James Milward, W. Loutner, and a boy named Graham. Several others, whose names could not be learned at this time, were more or less injured. The head of one of the boilers was found at the quarry, two hundred yards from the engine. The explosion caused the most intense excitement in the neighborhood, and was heard for miles around.

### THE COMMONWEALTH.

**Mr. M. L. Lawrence, the Helene merchant of Hopkinsville, who failed a few days ago for \$25,000, has disappeared from his home and his whereabouts are unknown. His family are apprehensive as to his personal safety.**

The State of Indiana has sued the State of Kentucky for the possession of the Great River. Indiana has appointed as deputy under the Marshal of the District of Columbia one of the same line resident in the State of Kentucky.

JACOB STUM, employed in the sign works, Covington, was at work the other day when on his hand, crushing it into jelly. Four of his fingers had to be amputated.

B. R. ALLEN has been appointed postmaster at Amble, Clay County.

A LOCATION has been secured for the gas works at Owensboro, and work will be commenced at once. The works will be in operation within ninety days.

A RAILROAD is to be constructed from Covington to Ludlow, a station on the Cincinnati Southern. Freight and passenger trains will run at regular hours, and besides giving Covington the benefit of a connection with the Cincinnati Southern, the road will bring the citizens of Covington, Ludlow and West Covington into closer business relations.

The post-office at Barnett, Laurel County, has been discontinued.

A TELEPHONE line will soon be established between Versailles and Midway.

CARROLL THOMAS COGAN, a well-known Kentucky river steamboatman, died at Bull's Hotel, in Frankfort. He is believed to have been asphyxiated by escaping gas from the burner in his room, the light from which he improperly turned off when he retired.

THOS. HARRISON has been elected county judge of Logan County, vice W. W. Frazer, deceased. He has filled the office of county clerk for a number of years.

A. C. SPOAKLEY, of Jeffersonville, has been convicted for charging and collecting a pension fee of \$200.

JACOB JOSEPH, a Jew, and Miss Katie Schuniger, a Gentile, eloped in Louisville, the other morning and were married. The lady's parents objected to Joseph's attention on account of his religion.

WM. HALL, a young man who was employed as a clerk at the Whitesboro quarry, four miles from Bowling Green, in attempting to swing on to a passenger train the other evening fell under the wheels and had one of his legs so badly mangled that it had to be amputated above the knee.

DR. ALBERT COVINGTON, an ideal gentleman known and liked in every section of Kentucky, died at Bowling Green the other day, after a long illness, aged eighty years.

REV. GEORGE O. BARNES began a series of meetings in Paducah the other night, which had never before visited that city, and there was great anxiety on the part of the people to see and hear him.

MARION COUNTY pays her county judge \$450 and her county attorney \$300 per annum. The total amount of allowances at the last session of the court of claims was \$11,312.

LOUIS SIBBETT has sued the Owensboro Street-Railway Company for damages, laid at \$25,000. Sibbett was thrown from a wagon loaded with hay while attempting to cross the street or track some time ago, breaking his shoulder and sustaining other injuries.

The county judge of Scott is paid \$200, the county attorney \$400, and the grand juror of schools \$800 per annum.

HORACE J. T. BUCHAN, ex-Speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives, died in Louisville the other day on the left side, caused by the rupture of a blood-vessel in the brain. His condition at last accounts was critical.

The post-office at Coal Run, Pike County, has been abolished.

DEPUTY U. S. MARSHAL W. T. DAY was attacked by moonstruck men at a double-barreled shotgun saved his life.

FRANCIS LAMMER, the little five-year-old daughter of Frank Lammer, who disappeared from her home in Louisville so mysteriously, was found the other morning in a negro hut about seven miles from the city limit of Louisville. The negro woman had charge of the child was arrested. It is thought to have been a deliberate attempt at kidnaping.

WHILE fishing last June, Willie Hobson, of Russellville, was bitten by a water snake. He has recently had symptoms of rabies.

DUCK WOOLS shot and killed Dan Wesley, near Camargo. Wools was discharged, his defense being that he acted in self-defense.

JAMES PERRY HILL, ex-postmaster of Sunrise, was indicted on account of a robbery of \$100.

A LITTLE girl at Louisville was injured recently by a dynamite bomb which also found in the cellar of her father's house.

DAVID ROBERTS, seventy years of age, has been convicted of murder in the Morgan County circuit court, and sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

The State Grand Lodge of Odd-fellows convened the other morning at the fellows' hall, Louisville. Representatives convened from different parts of the State were present.

The little eleven-year-old daughter of Mr. August Kramer, of Alexandria, was playing on the banisters of St. Mary's school-house, a few days ago, and accidentally fell over a beam and ruptured herself. She died from the effects a few days later.

OWENSON is to have a new depot in the spring, to be built by the Owensboro and Nashville Railroad Company. The building will be of stone and will cost \$25,000.

The gas well at Bowling Green is said to be an assured success and the increase in the flow the past few days is phenomenal.

The erection of a temporary building, capable of seating 500 persons, has been agreed upon for the mooty meetings in Louisville. The building will be ready for occupancy by January 1, 1888, at which date Mr. Moody is expected. The series of meetings will continue for one month.

The residence of Mrs. Thomas S. Mook, near Owensboro, was burned the other morning. A high wind carried the fire three hundred yards to a fine barn, and burned a large quantity of hay and grain, two wagons, a carriage, three horses and several head of cattle. The loss was \$1,300 without insurance.

### FRIGHTFUL DEATH.

**Of an Aeronaut at St. Louis—Dropped to the Earth and Impaled on an Iron Rod.**

St. Louis, Oct. 30.—At the closing performance of Paine's "Last Days of Pompeii" a terrible accident occurred, resulting in the death of Antonio Infante. The balloon, which was to ascend at 10 o'clock, was inflated by a gas which had been prepared to make a balloon ascend. Shortly after 10 o'clock the balloon, a hot-air affair, was brought on to the immense stage before the audience of two thousand people. The balloon, which was inflated with gas, had attained the height of 500 feet when there was a collapse, and the aeronaut plunged to the ground, holding desperately to the ropes which held the sagging canvas. The descent was very rapid, and as he came down he was struck by a rod which was thrown upon the ground, and he was impaled on it. He died almost immediately. The horrified spectators rushed to the scene, but could do nothing, and the piece was quickly deserted. The "Last Days of Pompeii" ending with a horrible catastrophe.

### Acquitted of Murder.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Oct. 28.—Hon. W. E. F. Milburn, of Greeneville, was acquitted this morning on the charge of murdering Wm. Ward. The murder grew out of the recent prohibition election. Ward's mother keeps a saloon in Greeneville, and Milburn, who was a rank prohibitionist, made a charge of a criminal nature against her in one of his speeches. The boy, only nineteen years of age, armed himself for the purpose of defending his mother's good name, and Milburn, hearing of it, put a pistol in his pocket and shot Ward the first opportunity. Milburn's attorneys pleaded self-defense.

### STRANGE SIGHT.

**A Murderer Attends the Funeral of His Victim, and Weeps Over the Coffin.**

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 27.—A man standing by the side of a coffin in which lay the man he had killed, with tears coursing down his cheeks and his form bending with emotion, was the sight witnessed by the immense crowd of people who attended the funeral of Howard B. Quay, in East Whiteland Township, Chester County, near this city, this afternoon. Quay was killed by being struck with a shovel by George W. Staddon during a quarrel, and as the latter is out on bail he was enabled to be at the funeral. Staddon was invited to be present by the dead man's relatives. He is apparently much broken down, and his mother, who is an old woman, is said to be in a state of great grief. Rev. Mr. Wallace, of St. Paul's Reformed Church of Philadelphia, preached a powerful sermon at the funeral, pointing in lively colors the terrible misfortune brought upon two young men, and his words made a deep impression upon all who heard them.

### NEAR ROBBERY BY A WOMAN.

BOSTON, Oct. 28.—At noon to-day a compe containing a man and woman drove out to the Roxbury police station. The woman, who was dressed in a simple, but elegant, costume, was alone, and a gentleman in the carriage desired to speak to him. The cashier went outside, and on returning fifteen minutes later met the woman driving out to the station. She was driving rapidly away before the cashier discovered that the drawer had been robbed of \$50.

### Another Turn in a Strange Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 27.—An inquest last night over the remains of Henry B. Hays, who was shot by George W. Staddon during a quarrel, and as the latter is out on bail he was enabled to be at the funeral. Staddon was invited to be present by the dead man's relatives. He is apparently much broken down, and his mother, who is an old woman, is said to be in a state of great grief. Rev. Mr. Wallace, of St. Paul's Reformed Church of Philadelphia, preached a powerful sermon at the funeral, pointing in lively colors the terrible misfortune brought upon two young men, and his words made a deep impression upon all who heard them.

### Four of the Convicts Killed.

YUMA, ARIZ., Oct. 28.—Four of the convicts who attempted to escape from prison yesterday and assaulted Superintendent Gates and were killed, were buried this afternoon. A petition to the Governor is being largely signed for the pardon of Convict Begg, who shot the convict who was shot by Superintendent Gates. Three of the killed convicts were in for long terms and one for grand larceny. Superintendent Gates will probably die.

### YOUTHFUL CASH CARRIER ABSCONDS.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 30.—Lester Hayes, the nineteen-year-old cashier of the Bank of Commerce, at La Junta, Colo., left that town last Tuesday night, and as he did not appear on Wednesday, suspicions were aroused. An examination shows that \$6,000 or \$8,000 were taken. His disappearance was not reported until yesterday, and it is believed that he fled to Mexico. His friends are good, and the bank will lose nothing.

### ST. LOUIS PRINTERS WON'T STRIKE.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 30.—The Typographical Union, at a largely attended meeting last night, decided not to strike because their demand for nine hours' work for ten hours' pay was refused by the employing printers. A partial strike has been made, however, by those, that they will take wages from eighteen to nineteen dollars per week.

### AN EDITOR FATALLY SHOT.

ASHLAND, O., Oct. 30.—W. H. Reynolds, editor of the Ashland Times, was shot and instantly killed during a trial in a Justice's court at Nankin, a village four miles north of here. The shooting was done by J. R. Mason, and is the result of a feud of long standing. The murderer was arrested and confined in jail.

### FRIGHTFULLY BURNED.

Lawrence, Oct. 28.—Yesterday afternoon John Martin, employed as a painter in the oil field, was inside of a boiler repairing it, when a terrific explosion took place, burning Martin frightfully. The gas arising from the oil used as fuel in the furnace was the cause of the explosion.

### Wife Murder and Suicides.

New York, Oct. 31.—Louis Pfaller, twenty-seven years of age, of No. 221 North Eighth street, Brooklyn, shot his wife through the left breast, killing her instantly, and then shot himself in the head to-night, and will probably die. Jealousy was the cause.

### The Pope's Views on Ireland.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—The Chronicle's Rome dispatch emphatically denies the Pope holds the same views as Mr. Gladstone in regard to Ireland. The correspondent says: "His Holiness has no measure of sympathy for the agrarian difficulties of the country, but in his remarks..."

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### Successful Electric Street Railway.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 28.—The electric street railway, running entirely through this city, is about finished and the first car was run over it last night. The success was complete. This line covers a distance of twelve miles—the longest electric road in the world. Preparations here are jubilant over the result of the trial trip.

### Canadian Emigrants Coming.

OTTAWA, Oct. 28.—Emigration papers for fifty persons going to the United States to settle have been issued by the American Consul here during the last three days. A majority of the emigrants are farmers and many take with them thousands of dollars' worth of personal effects.

### Epidemic of Young Widows.

PEABODY, Oct. 28.—Seven young widows residing in Peabody, Mass., died of death have been arrested on the charge of having poisoned their husbands. Other arrests for similar crimes are imminent.

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### Escaping Convict Shot.

RALPHEN, N. C., Oct. 27.—Owens Laming, a notorious desperado and horse-thief in the North Carolina Penitentiary, attempted to escape, but was fatally shot.

### British Exchange in America.

New York, Oct. 27.—The papers for the organization of the British Exchange in America have been filed. The exchange will be a sort of commercial club, to which only British subjects will be eligible for membership. It will be used as a general exchange for Englishmen in America.

### The Season Has Begun.

NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Oct. 27.—Mary Hogan, daughter of Michael Hogan, was found dead this morning in her bedroom, suffocated by coal gas from a stove. Another daughter, younger, will not survive.

### Mania Sets Herself on Fire.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 28.—This morning Lina Geiss