

Aut inveniam viam, aut faciam.

CURRENT TOPICS.

PARROTS are eaten in Mexico. DELANEY, the carnival-digger, is eighty-three. CAPS MAT bathing has not in earlier than usual. THERE is still ice in the Cataluffs four or five feet thick. STRAD signs are counted on the basis of 25,000 to a quart. DUNHOPPER is one of the best dressed men in New York. A CHICAGOAN owns a Siberian bloodhound of 180 pounds. THERE is a post-office in Virginia called "Black and White."

FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

First Session. WASHINGTON, May 31.—SENATE.—A bill was passed appropriating \$17,500 to make the Southwestern Extension for the purpose of the conditional receipt of certain military arms of great value. A resolution was agreed to directing the Committee on Military Affairs to report some amendment to the present laws to prevent the enlistment (of time of peace) of married men without the consent of their wives. The calendar was taken up and several bills passed. The Senate bill for the erection of a post-office building at New York where the receipts for three years preceding have exceeded \$5000 annually was taken up and passed, but, without reaching a vote, the Senate adjourned at 3 p. m. HOUSE.—The Senate amendments to the pension appropriation bill were non-concurrent and a conference ordered. A resolution was adopted directing the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries to investigate the fisheries in Alaska. Mr. Dabell, of Pennsylvania, called attention to certain allegations in the record made by Mr. Scott, of Pennsylvania. A few important bills were introduced. Consideration of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill was defeated by the yeas and nays. The Department of Agriculture, which was passed 22 to 11. The diplomatic bill was then passed after which the District of Columbia appropriation bill was passed. The House adjourned at 12 o'clock. WASHINGTON, May 31.—SENATE.—A conference committee was entered on the pension appropriation bill. This was passed and the House adjourned at 12 o'clock. HOUSE.—The convict labor bill was called up and discussed until 10 p. m. when the previous question was ordered on the enacting and third reading. The House adjourned leaving the measure unfinished business, and without a day's receipt what it can get from a special order. WASHINGTON, May 31.—SENATE.—A number of bills were reported and placed on the calendar. Mr. McPherson introduced a joint resolution providing for medals to the officers and soldiers of the three months' service in 1861. A short executive session was held and at 12:30 p. m. on motion of Mr. Spooner, the Senate adjourned to permit Senators to attend the funeral of Senator Sawyer's wife. HOUSE.—The pension appropriation bill was taken up and discussed by Messrs. Blount (Ga.), Cox (N. Y.), Hoar (Ia.), Dockery (Mo.), Holden (N. Y.), and others. Several important amendments were introduced. The House adjourned at 10 p. m. on motion of Mr. Spooner, the Senate adjourned to permit Senators to attend the funeral of Senator Sawyer's wife. HOUSE.—The pension appropriation bill was taken up and discussed by Messrs. Blount (Ga.), Cox (N. Y.), Hoar (Ia.), Dockery (Mo.), Holden (N. Y.), and others. Several important amendments were introduced. The House adjourned at 10 p. m. on motion of Mr. Spooner, the Senate adjourned to permit Senators to attend the funeral of Senator Sawyer's wife.

FACING DEATH.

General Phil Sheridan Seriously Ill—Heart Disease the Trouble. WASHINGTON, May 30.—The reticence of those most intimately associated with General Sheridan delayed the publication of a history of his sickness. He returned from a fatiguing trip in the Mississippi Valley about two weeks ago, and although he did not feel as strong as usual, he went to his office in the War Department every day till last Tuesday. On Monday he went home on account of illness, and that night was seized with terrible pains in the heart. Surgeon O'Reilly and a priest were summoned and the sacrament of extreme unction was administered, but the case yielded to medical treatment, and on Thursday the General was to go to his office, but was restrained by his doctor. Thursday night the heart pains returned, and the alarm was renewed, and those who had been so scrupulous were obliged to acknowledge that General Sheridan's condition was and had been very alarming. His main ailment is what is technically known as valvular heart disease, and it is understood that as a result of his heart trouble he is affected dropsically. He resides in an arm-chair rather than upon a bed, as a measure of safety and comfort. WASHINGTON, May 27.—General Sheridan's condition is much worse than it was last night. He appears to be gradually sinking, and almost all hope has been abandoned, and while there has been no recurrence of the heart failure, there is a continual tendency in that direction, and his pulse has been growing weaker and his breathing more labored. His blood is thick and black. Ever since the attack last night the physicians have been doing every thing in their power to stimulate the action of the heart, but without success, and its beating is feeble and uncertain despite the administration of digitalis and other powerful remedies. His strength has gradually failed during the day, and the hope that he would be able to rally has proved illusory. WASHINGTON, May 28.—General Sheridan has had a bad day. He has not rallied from the heart failure of five o'clock Saturday evening, and his condition is a little worse than it was Tuesday afternoon. His lungs are much affected, and the frequent administration of oxygen is necessary to prevent blood-poisoning. The oxygen has a delirious effect upon him, but when not under the influence of it he is rational, and recognizes all about him.

FOUR MURDERS.

Illicit Distillers and the County Officials Come Together. Pike and Floyd Counties the Scene of the Latest Collisions—A Deputy Sheriff Killed Among the Killed. CATLETTSBURG, Ky., May 28.—Score four more murders for the Big Sandy Valley. Intelligence reached this place this morning that the remnants of the Hatfield McCoy gang had collided, and that three men were killed. With the remembrance of the recent merciless vendetta between these warring elements fresh in the minds of the people excitement was correspondingly high when the news was received, and a reporter at once set about to get full particulars. Upon investigation he found that the reported massacre was unfounded, and that the young fellow who was shot and killed was the brother of Preston Fleming, a fashionable Kentucky feud. The first on the list was the killing of Preston Fleming by Robert Davis, a couple of miles above Pikeville. In Pikeville and Pike County local opinion prevails, and there are three murders hanging over Knox County, until recently a part of Pike. Those engaged in the manufacture of whisky go over the line into Pike and sell their wares. Eight of these men were detected carrying on their business, and the Pikeville authorities, headed by Marshal Davis and Jallor Cline, went out to capture the rascals. They discovered seven in their rendezvous, an old warehouse, and Mr. Cline gained his way into the building and held them all. Preston Fleming, who happened to come in to look in the situation at a glance, and attempted to shoot Cline, when Davis, one of the guards, who saw him with his gun cocked and pointed at Cline, shot and killed him. He fell near the door. The other seven were landed in the Pike County jail. Davis, fearing trouble, left for parts unknown. The second happened on Proter, in Floyd County, in which Jake Holdersfield, an ex-deputy United States marshal and deputy sheriff of Floyd County, was killed. John Hall stood indicted for burglary in the Floyd criminal court, and Holdersfield went out to arrest him. As he entered Hall's house the latter shot him through the head, killing him instantly. The excitement is high, and if he is captured he will be lynched. The other two murders occurred over on the Tug Fork of Sandy, in Pike County, where the first was the killing of an attorney by a farmer, and the second was the killing of a man by a woman. The excitement is high, and if he is captured he will be lynched. The other two murders occurred over on the Tug Fork of Sandy, in Pike County, where the first was the killing of an attorney by a farmer, and the second was the killing of a man by a woman.

THE SCRATCH OF A DOG.

It Causes the Death of an Aged Lady in Illinois—A Singular Occurrence. MARSHALL, Ill., May 24.—"Grandma" Archer, an elderly Philadelphia merchant, died here on Saturday. She went out to catch a chicken for dinner, being still very active in spite of her age, and, as was her usual custom, called her little dog, whom she had taught to do that work. He soon caught the fowl, and as she was trying to wrest it from his hold he somehow scratched her hand severely with one of his claws. She went into the house, bound up the injury and sat down to rest. The next morning she died. It was found that she was growing black in the face. Terribly frightened, she ran at once to a neighbor for assistance, but when she returned Mrs. Archer was dead. It is generally believed that she was poisoned by the dog's scratch. Mrs. Archer was married at fourteen, and was the mother of fourteen children, seven of whom are still living. She had eighty-eight grandchildren and fifty-four great-grandchildren. She was eighty years old.

IN QUICK SUCCESSION.

One Train Thrown Into a Ditch by the Giving Way of a Bridge. The Warning Flagman Killed, and the Second Decent Occurs—Seven Lives Lost and Several People Hurt. KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 23.—A double wreck of freight trains occurred this morning near Randolph, five miles east of here, on the Rock Island road, which resulted in the death of E. G. Armstrong, brakeman of Belleville, O.; T. Royston, brakeman of Edgerton Junction, Kan.; James Taylor and Emil Strohm, tramps, and an unknown tramp. Benjamin Norris, a Rock Island engineer, of Chillicothe, Mo.; Strong McCellan, of Kansas City, a Wash engineer; C. J. Snyder, a Rock Island fireman, of Trenton, Mo.; and a colored man were seriously hurt. The first train, which was of the Rock Island, was wrecked through a bridge over a deep ravine, through which quites a large stream of water runs. The engine and five cars were wrecked. The engineer and fireman escaped, but brakeman Royston was killed. Brakeman Armstrong, who had safely escaped injury, was sent back to flag a freight train of the Hannibal and St. Joseph, which uses the Rock Island track at that point. The Washab Western runs parallel with the Rock Island here and within a few feet of it. The Washab bridge over the ravine, where the accident occurred, is within two feet of the Rock Island bridge, the two being braced together. About ten minutes after the first wreck a Washab freight came thundering along and struck Brakeman Armstrong, who was seriously injured, while Brakeman Royston and the three tramps were killed. A colored man from Chillicothe, who was stealing a ride, was also hurt. The Washab train consisted of sixteen cars. Tracks on the Washab and Hannibal roads are widely suspended, but it is expected, will be resumed within thirty-six hours. The total damage is estimated at \$30,000. It now appears that seven lives were lost in the wreck. Ben Norris, the man who was fatally injured, says that an old man and his son were in the box car with him and they have not yet been accounted for. There is also said to be another tramp buried in the ruins. One hundred men are at work for the Rock Island clearing away the debris, and sixty-five are engaged in the same work for the Washab.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

EVERETT GARNETT, an ex-officer, was seriously wounded by the accidental discharge of a pistol at Lexington. A LARON rabid dog attacked a group of laborers on the street at Louisville, the other day, and succeeded in seizing Mike Curtis, one of them, by the collar, and the others, with an officer, came to his rescue and killed the dog. Curtis was unhurt. A KROON farm hand was dragged to death by a mule, near Paducah. A POST-OFFICE has been established at East Lincoln County, and John Faith commissioned postmaster. JOHN KERR was attacked and robbed by highwaymen at Owensboro. A NUMBER of "moonshiners" were arrested in Moultrie County. AT Versailles James Williams was severely injured by the accidental discharge of a double-barreled shotgun, heavily loaded. The gun had been thoughtlessly laid in the bottom of a wagon which was afterward loaded with lumber. Williams, unaware of the presence of the fire arms, carelessly jerked out a plank, when both barrels discharged, emptying their contents into Williams' side. Most of the shot have been taken out, and the victim is now improving. WALTER CHAMBERLAIN, a conductor on the Short Line railroad, was shot last night in the ankle. He was in a car with one of his friends at Newport, who had a pistol in his hand, when it accidentally exploded and the ball went into his ankle. FARMER and WORKER's distillery, at Paducah, has been closed down, and when in the district will follow. This will throw a number of gaugers out of work. A WELL was bored at Louisville some months ago for natural gas, and a mineral water has since been flowing from it. Many persons have naturally reasoned, thinking it would be beneficial. Among these was Samuel R. Miller, nineteen years old, who had been overworked, and wished to recruit. He took two or three glasses a day. A few days ago he became ill, and died on the 25th. His body turned livid within fifteen minutes. Several physicians have forbidden the use of the water to their clientele till an examination shall have been made. On the other hand, many who have seen the water assert that it has benefited them. POST-OFFICES have been established a Weller, Warrick County, and at Mingo Rockcastle County, and J. G. Fisher and U. G. Baker commissioned postmasters respectively. HARRISON GARNER, a colored minister of the gospel, and Edmund Waller, a negro who is wanted in Christian County for grand larceny, were arrested the other night near Henderson on a charge of house-breaking. They are said to belong to a gang of thieves who have recently been robbing smoke-houses, hen-roosts, etc., in that locality. A LOUISVILLE man has been granted a patent on a cotton harrower. It is not probable as close a political race was ever run in Kentucky as that of the mayoralty of Clinton, which occurred recently, when the result was a tie. MARTIN CARROLL, living near Springfield, was fatally kicked by a horse. He had been married only a short time. BERT S. ROBERTS, a merchant of Blackford, Webster County, committed suicide by taking laudanum. Business embarrassments is thought to be the cause. POST-OFFICES were opened a few days since at Princeton, with Robert Beams as postmaster; Rossville, Carter County, Captain A. Hunt, postmaster; Union Mills, Jessamine County, Alonzo W. Woodward, postmaster. James H. Waugh was appointed postmaster at Worth, Oldham County, vice Allen W. Brown, resigned. The other day a stranger entered the shoe-shop of V. Hoffman at Louisville, to buy a pair of shoes. A moment later another man came in, and, appearing to know the first, offered him a box of diamonds he was forced to sell. Hoffman bargained, and the first corner paid \$100 in cash. They went out together, the first man taking a pair of shoes to try. A few hours later the seller returned, and said he had found a jeweler who would pay him \$200 for the stones. Hoffman, who had Hoffman \$140 if he would buy them back when the first man returned to complete payment for his shoes. Hoffman agreed. The first man returned soon. Hoffman offered \$100 for the diamonds, and after a few minutes the second man returned. Hoffman has since been looking for the second man with the \$140. Hoffman's \$100 was the savings of a year. A THREE-YEAR-OLD colt of Vince Carpenter, of Limestone Station, Carter County, got in front of an express train on the C. and O. road, the other day. When the train started the colt started also, keeping some distance in front of the engine until a large trestle was reached at Soldier, a large stopping point, a distance of five and a quarter miles from Armstrong. The colt started over the trestle, but fell down, and the race came to an end. The engine stopped, a rope attached to the colt and it was removed from the track. In the race of five and a quarter miles, which was reported to have been made in the short time of thirteen minutes, the colt jumped several cow-pops, crossed numerous small trestles and ran around one or two bridges. When the colt left the track to go around the bridge the engineer gave his engine full speed to try and pass the colt, but it succeeded in getting on the track in front of the engine again, and the race was renewed. At Enterprise a number of men tried to scare the colt from the track, but it passed around them and got back on the track before the train could pass it. The engineer says that several times he gave his engine full speed, but it was too swift for his engine. In the fall on the trestle the colt was not injured much and was used in plowing in the field the next day. AMANDA TAYLOR, a miss only eleven years old, is teaching school in Owen County. PRINCE with trot-lines and exploding dynamite bombs is killing hundreds of fish in the Kentucky river. PRINCESS won the Louisville Hotel Stake at the Louisville races. HOX WAIN ELLIS, a notable figure in politics of a quarter of a century ago, died at his home near Adairville, a few days since, aged eighty years. He represented the Adairville district in the Confederate Congress during the war. HERON WILKES, a trotting stallion for which \$15,000 had been refused, died near Lexington the other day. The name of the best-officer at Killebrew, Boyd County, has been changed to Geiger, and W. F. Geiger, son, commissioned postmaster.

A Great Steel Strip.

San Francisco, May 27.—The strip of the new steel strip, to be built by the Union Works, was cast at the Pacific Steel Works yesterday. It is the largest steel casting ever made on this coast, and it is said will be the largest strip on any vessel in the navy. Fifteen tons of metal was required in making the casting. As soon as the strip is finished the laying of the keel and construction of the cruiser will be commenced.

Dr. McGlynn Berates the Pope.

New York, May 27.—Dr. McGlynn, in his speech to-night, said while the Irish folk are sending thirty to forty thousand pounds per annum to the Pope, he sends them in return his blessing. If it not strange that when the Pope is being served in New South Wales and other places for Ireland, he sends this much to the Pope? He said the Pope resembled that individual who took the Saviour up into a mountain.

Up Lookout Mountain by Rail.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., May 27.—The first passenger train to run to the top of Lookout Mountain over the new head-fronted standard-gauge railroad left the city today, carrying the directors of the company, a number of railroad officials and invited guests. The trip was made in safety in forty minutes, the distance being forty miles. The average grade up the mountain was 160 feet to the mile.

Followed Her Lover.

FREDERICK, Md., May 27.—Mary, the twenty-one-year-old daughter of Anthony Goiser, a saloon-keeper of this city, died today from the effects of laudanum, taken last night with suicidal intent. Her marriage with Cicero Danner was appointed yesterday, but the young man died a month ago in Lexington, Ky., and Miss Goiser had been pining ever since.

Kentucky Desires to Entertain Grover.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The Kentucky Congressional delegation, headed by Senator Blackburn, accompanied by ex-Governor J. Proctor Knott, Colonel Blanton Duncan, and other distinguished Kentuckians, will call upon President Cleveland to-morrow morning, and invite him to visit Kentucky in the early fall.

Dropped Down Suddenly.

NAVASOTA, TEX., May 27.—Wm. H. Roe was publicly hanged in Anderson County yesterday. The scaffold was erected one mile south of town. Roe was portly and he appeared to God in the presence of ten thousand people to testify to his innocence. The drop was seven feet, and his neck was instantly broken.

Chamberlain Captured.

MONTICELLO, IND., May 27.—Ed Chamberlain who murderously assaulted Sheriff Henderson, and escaped from jail, was captured Saturday at the house of his uncle, where he sought refuge. He was betrayed by his cousin. Lynching is threatened. His jail is strongly guarded.

Say He Tampered With Mail.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 27.—Jacob Altkro, postmaster at Altkro, Lewis County, was brought to this city today in charge of United States Inspector Coghill. Altkro is charged with tampering with the mails.

Winnebago Indians Destitute.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wis., May 25.—Many of the Winnebago Indians around here have come through the winter in a very destitute condition. They have no ponies left, being obliged to sell them or burn them, so that their land will be uncultivated this season. They are living, no one knows how, until the blueberry season opens. They will not get their annuity until August.

National Finances.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—The U. S. Treasurer has paid out \$12,500,000 during the present month on account of pensions along with the monthly disbursements of receipts over expenditures during the month is nearly \$5,000,000. The Treasury surplus, which fell to \$3,000,000 at one time during the month has again risen to \$10,000,000.

Favorable Crop Reports.

ST. PAUL, MINN., May 25.—Crop reports to the Power Press from all parts of the Northwest are exceedingly favorable this week. The rain in the Red River Valley has been of incalculable benefit, and the condition of wheat in Southern Minnesota is much better than was thought possible a month ago.

Caused His Deceased Wife's Death.

SALT LAKE, UTAH, May 25.—Mrs. E. Davis learned Wednesday last her husband, to whom she had been married twenty years, had married a second wife. The shock unbalanced her mind, and yesterday she cut her throat with a razor and can not survive.

A Filling End.

COLUMBUS, NEB., May 25.—Albert Kumpke, the old farmer who murdered his wife a few weeks ago by beating her brains out with a club, was found hanging dead in his cell yesterday. He had used his suspenders and a handkerchief for the noose.

Henry George to Be Bounced.

NEW YORK, May 25.—Henry George is to be expelled from the Twenty-third Assembly District Association of the United Labor party. He is charged with having violated the county constitution of the party, which declares that no member shall at any time give or deliver with any other political party.

Colonel Markland Dead.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—Colonel A. H. Markland, who was Superintendent of the Army Mail under General Grant, died here this morning.

THREE YEARS IN DEVELOPING.

Hydrophobia Suddenly Attacks a Boy Long After the Fear of Danger Had Passed. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., May 24.—William Bennett, son of James Bennett, a well-known citizen of Gladys Fork, Lewis County, was badly bitten by a dog about three years ago. After struggling and screaming the wounds gradually healed over and the fear first entertained that the dog was rabid disappeared and the boy went about feeling no ill-effect from the bites. A few days ago, however, the young fellow began to act strangely and complained of painful pains in his head and limbs. The sight and taste of water became repulsive, almost throwing him into spasms, and hydrophobia in its worst form took possession of him. It became known that the boy had been bitten by a dog, and the father, who had been told by physicians have been summoned but their skill has not availed in relieving the sufferer, who is expected to die at any moment.

Tornado in Texas.

BOYDAM, TEX., May 24.—A destructive cyclone swept over Boydham, twenty-five miles east of here, yesterday afternoon, destroying the Methodist, Baptist and congregational churches and eight dwelling houses. One building was carried across the railroad track and crushed, and Amanda Willis (colored) who had taken refuge inside, was instantly killed. Eight persons including the sheriff and county recorder, were fatally injured. The damage will exceed \$100,000. The path of the storm was 300 yards wide, and everything within those limits, crops, fences, barns, outhouses and trees, were swept away. A terrible rain, hail and thunder storm followed.

Free Niagara.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., May 24.—The Queen's birthday was made the occasion of throwing open to the public the Queen Victoria Niagara Falls Park, the twin waterfalls to the State Reservation on the American side, both of which are designated for the preservation of the great cascade. The Canadian park contains 118 acres, and is two and one-half miles long. The cost of the park to date is about \$850,000. There were no formal ceremonies attending the opening to-day, but it is proposed to celebrate the event on Dominion Day—July 1—in a fitting manner.

Mississippi Immigration Convention.

JACKSON, MISS., May 24.—The Immigration Convention which assembled here today was the largest ever held, three hundred and sixty delegates being present, representing fifty-six counties. Speeches were made by Governor Lowry, Captain W. H. Hardy, General Miles and other prominent men, showing the resources of the State. Appropriate resolutions were adopted to induce immigration.

Wisconsin Prohibitionists.

MADISON, Wis., May 24.—The Prohibition State Convention started business today by securing \$4,000 in pledges to a campaign fund. Eighteen delegates and as many alternates to the National Convention were chosen, and also half a hundred so-called provisional delegates. At the afternoon session E. G. Durand, of Racine, was nominated for Governor by acclamation.

Virginia Elections.

RICHMOND, Va., May 24.—Returns from municipal elections throughout the State today show that the Democrats carry Patuxent, Lynchburg, Richmond and Danville.

Woman Suffrage Unconstitutional.

PORTLAND, ORE., May 24.—The question of woman suffrage in Washington Territory came up to-day before Judge Nash, at Spokane Falls, on a test case. The Judge delivered a lengthy opinion, in which he decided that the act of the Legislature extending the franchise to women is unconstitutional.

A Mother's Vain Sacrifice.

ELGIN, ILL., May 24.—Mrs. F. C. Kruse, living on North State street, was killed yesterday in trying to rescue her fifteen-month-old child from an approaching freight train on the Northwestern road. The child had wandered from the house onto the track and was also killed, being struck just as she reached it.

A Swindler Pardon.

NASHVILLE, TENN., May 24.—Governor Taylor has pardoned Dan Hennessy, of "gold brick" fame, who was sentenced to a five years' term in the penitentiary for swindling U. F. Noel out of \$6,000.

Gold Exports.

NEW YORK, May 24.—The local gold shipped and withdrawn for export so far this month amounts to \$3,000,000. The Assay office still has \$35,000,000 in gold bars on hand, and \$11,500,000 in double eagles deposited to its credit in the Sub-Treasury.

Montana's Precious Metal Output.

HELENA, MONT., May 24.—Assayer Borden reports the value of the Montana gold and silver output last year at between twenty-three and twenty-four million dollars.