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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE TEXAS SCHOOL FUND has a surplus of \$16,000,000.

PROB. RILEY says Jersey is the chief State for insects.

FLORIDA is shipping large quantities of peaches to market.

A LIQUOR LICENSE in Telfair County, Georgia, costs \$5,000.

DAVE OREN, of White Oak, Pa., has had a head punch forty years.

It is estimated that the floods in Mexico involve a loss of \$4,000,000.

A GERMAN New Yorker has given away about 5,000 campaign buttons.

THE PRINCE OF NAPLES, son of King Humbert, is a superior photographer.

NELLIE GRANT'S husband is very rich now through his brother's death.

NEW YORK'S population is now estimated at 1,678,000 from directory statistics.

The negroes of Georgia are said to own more than \$12,000,000 worth of property.

THE GOVERNOR W. S. BRAGG, of Rhode Island, is chief of police at Narragansett Pier.

The Commissioner of Agriculture has ordered 450,000 copies of his Annual Report printed.

An attempt has been made to have the historic gallows tree on Hempstead Heath cut down.

MANY of the interior towns of Oregon are raising money to import song birds from Germany.

The pin factories of England, France, Holland and Germany are said to turn out 77,000,000 pins daily.

A FLORIDA planter has contracted to furnish a New York dealer with 1,000,000 calabags during the season.

It is predicted that cypress wood from the South will be largely used in Northern buildings in a few years.

BURLINGTON, N. J., proudly claims more windows to the square yard than any other city in the United States.

J. B. BOLCH, aged twenty-two years, has just died at Fairfield, S. C., of hydrophobia, caused by a cat scratch.

CHICAGO is the fifth Scandinavian city in the world, and Minneapolis, with a population of 50,000, is the sixth.

FARMERS of Oregon are moving to secure legislation in State and national councils to promote the interests of farmers.

The Dowager Empress Victoria, of Germany, will reside for some months in England with her mother, Queen Victoria.

A CLAM digger at Stonington, Ct., has just found a pearl worth seventy-five dollars in one of the clams of a late haul.

A GLASGOW firm has just finished a brass wire for the Glasgow exhibition sixty-five miles long and a copper wire 111 miles long.

SYLVANIA, Ga., has a stalk of corn ten feet high, and which contains seven well developed shoots, six of which have put out silks.

An insect known as the wire worm is playing sad havoc with corn at Mexico, Mo. One farmer has lost forty acres by this pest.

The whole value of fences in the United States may be set down at \$2,000,000,000, and it costs \$100,000,000 annually to keep them in repair.

The widow of President Tyler is in Washington. She has a son, Dr. Lachlan Tyler, who is one of the rising young doctors of that city.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., is the great furniture making center of the United States. It has forty-two furniture factories, which employ 15,000 men.

THE GULL, a French astronomer, has furnished names for 2,000 stars. He has been twenty years about it, but he was determined not to let one escape.

SINCE the opening of the new artesian wells in the Desert of Sahara, a large increase in the number of palm and other fruit trees has taken place.

An official report on the cholera epidemic, just raised in Japan two years ago, states that there were 150,741 cases of the disease, of which 119,986 were fatal.

A FEATURE of General Harrison's countenance which does not appear in his photograph is a large mole on his right cheek, at the side, just under the eye.

SEVEN Presidential candidates this year are not enough, it appears, to satisfy every body. The American party is getting ready to hold a National Convention.

The dead letter office received 4,808,000 letters last year, for about a third of which owners were discovered. Money to the value of \$1,705,746 was found in 17,588 letters.

The increase of population in Australia last year was only 3 1/2 per cent, which is by no means as large as England would like to see it. The total population is 3,546,725.

OFFICIAL reports of Russian crops are favorable, and indicate a yield above the average. Crop reports from India make an unfavorable showing, owing to severe droughts.

SMALL amounts of the old postal currency continue to be offered for redemption at the New York Sub-Treasury. The amount still unredeemed is \$15,000,000, but most of it is doubtless worn out or destroyed.

SHIP building is in a state of great activity in England. It is said that 302 British steamers are now being built, with a total of 330,000 tons, and that last year 247 boats of 374,000 tons were constructed.

RETURNS now show a total of 2,815,000 hogs packed in the West since March 1, against 2,285,000 a year ago. The quality of hogs handled by packers is well maintained, and compares well with other years.

THE Egyptian petroleum explorations on the Red Sea coast have some time ago been given up. It is said the Government spent in the neighborhood of \$700,000 in these explorations, and has nothing to show in return for this very considerable outlay except worn machinery.

A CHICK fourteen years old was cashed at the other day at an Allen town, Pa., bank. The holder said that it had been all that time in the forgotten pocket of an unused vest.

ABOUT 3,000,000 sponges per year are taken from the sea around the Bahamas. Their value is \$250,000. Twenty-foot poles with hooks on the end are used to pull the sponges from the rocks.

MRS. T. J. EHR, of Mahanango, Junata County, Pa., the other day found a large blacksnake in the baby's couch, where it had spent the night with Mrs. Ehr's thirty-two-month-old child.

WIDE SPREAD RUIN.

Great Flood Surging Down the Monongahela River.

Entailing a Loss of Nearly a Million Dollars.

PITTSBURGH, July 11.—The freshet in the Monongahela river is almost unprecedented, and great damage has been done to the river craft and property all along the river from the head-waters to this city.

The suddenness of the rise took the river men entirely unawares, and they were not prepared when the great volume of water burst upon them. Millions of feet of lumber, scores of coal craft, fences, out-houses and coal tips have been floating down the swift current for the last eighteen hours.

The river at this point is still rising, with 21 feet 9 inches on the marks at nine o'clock, but it is reported as stationary, with forty-five feet at Greensboro, a hundred miles above this city.

At every point between Greensboro and Pittsburgh the low lands are under water, and the residents have been compelled to live in the upper stories of their houses, and in some cases to seek the hills for safety.

Many had not time to remove their goods, as the water rose at the rate of a foot an hour, and at Greensboro thirty-two feet of rise was recorded in less than twenty-four hours. The damage to property cannot be estimated at present, but it will reach away up the thousands. A solitary barge which broke away yesterday caused over \$5,000 damages, and this is but one little item. So far but one life has been reported lost that of a man named George Getter, who was struck by a floating cable and instantly killed. The greatest damage to river craft occurred between half-past one o'clock and daylight this morning.

Shortly before two o'clock a large number of barges belonging to Jenkins & Co. came down the river. From the second pool and strait of Smith's bridge, the bridge, the huge barges turning and over and over, and breasting the low-bank Barnard in against the steamer Jacobs. Logs, barges and fuel boats were dashed against the piers of the bridge and snapped like twigs by the overwhelming force of the current. Half of the logs were blown against the bridge, and the bottom, just below the Smithfield bridge, and the water dashed over it, throwing spray high into the air, while the drift-wood crashed and crackled over the wreck, with the grinding noise which adds to the horrors of a flood. At half-past ten o'clock the morning work was received that a steamer had been struck by a cable and carried away by the strong current. The loss from this will be very heavy. It is impossible to hear from many points up the river as the telegraph and telephone wires are down, and there is a complete cessation of communication by telegraph or mail. The sudden rise is believed to have been caused by a cloud-burst, which covered a large section of Southern Pennsylvania and Western Virginia. Fortunately there was no rise in the Allegheny river. Correct figures of the loss can not be given at present, but it is safe to estimate it at \$1,000,000 and it may reach a deal more.

TWELVE HUSBANDS.

Discovery of the Champion Female Bigamist Who Married for Money and Generally Got It.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., July 11.—The champion female bigamist has turned up here. She is a look-alike, and says her home is in St. Louis. She is twenty-seven and good-looking. It is said that she has married at least twelve times in as many different States. She is a sharper, too. When she arrived in a town she would find plenty of fools with more money than brains who would make love to her. The woman would insist on marrying, and then get her husband to loan her a couple of hundred dollars to send home to her sick mother. After she got the money she would take the next train out of town. About a month ago she married W. H. Evans, of Hazelton. She got \$250 out of Evans, and then fled to this city. Evans arrived here yesterday looking for the woman. To-day another band, Albert, was located in the West. He was looking for the woman, too. She married him and got \$250. The woman's right name is said to be Lorina Hart. She is an expert forger, and is wanted on two charges.

An Apple Freak.

POMEROY, O., July 11.—John E. Stanbury, a Hatland Township farmer, sent to this city Tuesday, for exhibition, a twig about ten inches long, cut from an apple-tree in his orchard, which has on it fifty well-formed and nearly half-grown apples. The apples average fully an inch and a quarter in diameter, and the bough very much resembles a gigantic bunch of grapes. It bears any thing in the apple line ever seen here, and is attracting much attention.

Reckless Rider Punished.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Joe Chase (colored), Senator Colton's coachman, who was recently convicted of manslaughter in causing the death of Prof. Paul by running over him while riding a bicycle, was sentenced at Washington to a term of imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$250.

Union Ex-Prisoners of War.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—W. H. Powell, president of the National Association of Union Ex-Prisoners of War, has issued his circular announcing the sixteenth annual convention of the association, to take place in Indianapolis on September 18 and 19 next.

Colored Gambler's Gun.

SCIMIT, Ga., July 11.—Geo. E. Mosby, a prominent business man of this place, was shot and killed to-day by Alex. Anderson, a colored gambler. Mosby had ordered him over him while riding a bicycle, was sentenced at Washington to a term of imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$250.

Clams and Lobsters.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Superintendent Clark, of the U. S. Fish Commission, says that arrangements are being made to ship a carload of clams from San Francisco to be placed in the Atlantic. Lobsters will be taken from the East to the Pacific Coast.

Both Eyes Blown Out.

WHEELING, July 11.—Thos. Brown, a young fellow whose parents reside on the creek in Jackson County, W. Va., spent the night with Mrs. Eby's thirty-two-month-old child.

THE CELEBRATED CASE.

Maxwell, the Murderer of Freiler, Repeated for Three Weeks—Governor's Reasons for Refusing Commutation.

ST. LOUIS, July 12.—The Governor this morning rendered a decision in which he declined to grant a commutation of the sentence against Hugh M. Brooks, alias Maxwell, but granted a respite for three weeks.

Governor Monroë, in his communication to the attorneys of Brooks, giving his reasons for not commuting the sentence of Brooks, says: "My own examination of the papers in the case, including the receipt of the attorney, the opinions of the courts, and the letters and petitions, failed to disclose any sufficient reason for executive interference. I know no cause for this failure other than that no such reason is contained therein. As to the various points raised by the attorneys about an unfair trial, public prejudice, wrong instructions to the jury, improper evidence, and the very reprehensible means taken to procure it, together with the wrong method and acts of the circuit attorney, all of which the attorney's laid great stress upon in his arguments, the Governor says: 'All these points were presented to the Supreme Court, and passed upon by that Court, to the only authority properly having power so to do. If a wrong or injustice is done, a citizen of Missouri by the courts hereafter, either intentionally or unintentionally, and the error in this case might be corrected by the courts promptly and as fully as he can, but he has no sort of authority over the methods pursued by the courts, either generally or in particular cases. It is the result which he has to do. He will not act as a guide to his own actions in a case where the law is fair and equal, lawful or unlawful. That duty is assigned to the Supreme Court alone, in which our people, myself included, have the utmost confidence. If the conclusions reached by the courts are right, if the punishment assessed is that which the defendant should suffer for the crime committed, the Executive will not interfere. If the defendant in this case killed his friend and companion deliberately and in cold blood, prompted by the basest motives, and I do not doubt it, surely he has received the sentence provided by law. And I will not disturb it.'

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A PERMANENT EXPOSITION.

To Mark America's 400th Anniversary of Discovery.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The plan for a permanent exposition of the three Americas to be opened in 1892, the fourth hundred anniversary of the discovery of America, which has been briefly referred to in these dispatches, is being discussed with a good deal of vivacity in Washington. Perry Belmont, Chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, has given the subject much attention, and has formulated his notions in a bill and in an elaborate report. The permanent exhibition scheme is being pushed by a Board of Promotion composed of the Governors of all the States and Territories, the mayors of fifty-three cities, one hundred and fifty-five presidents and secretaries of boards of trade and the officers of many granges and agricultural societies. The notion of a permanent exposition comprehends a sort of museum on a large scale, which shall be in the nature of a repository under Government control, to be held by the Government, and shall be kept the exhibits of the three Americas in 1892. The bill before Congress asks for the appropriation of \$25,000 to meet the preliminary expenses of the proposed exposition. A strip of Government reservation in the general vicinity of the Washington monument is being asked for. The ground near the monument would make a handsome site for a permanent exposition. The Nations of Central and South America are falling in with the plan and seem to be enthusiastic over it, and expressions of friendly interest on this subject are very common.

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COULDN'T CATCH HIM.

Escape of a Desperado Who Entered a Bank and Compelled the Cashier to Yield Up the Funds of the Institution.

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