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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE physicians of Paris have formed a trust.

THE pigs-in-clover puzzle has captured London.

THE rush to Paris is not as great as anticipated.

BEER is now sold in New York City by the pound.

QUEEN VICTORIA has just passed her seventieth birthday.

THE International Salt Trust has been substantially completed.

A GEORGIA man has a red bat which he captured a few days ago.

ALBANY, Ga., rejoices in the possession of a three-legged alligator.

THERE are 156 applicants for one Consular place in South America.

COLONEL INGERSOLL'S law practice is said to bring him $100,000 a year.

MORE than 22,000,000 acres of American soil belongs to non-resident aliens.

STOCKHOLDERS of the Suez Canal will receive this year a dividend of 39 per cent.

HOME rule for India promises to give England as much trouble as home rule for Ireland.

ENORMOUS icebergs have been reported to be floating around in the North Atlantic this spring.

CHARLES WEBER, a Cincinnati plumber, is the father of five pairs of twins. All are alive and healthy.

JOHN G. WHITTIER, the poet, says that he expects to live to be a hundred, though he is not anxious to.

TWO friends met on the streets of Waterbury, Conn., a few days ago for the first time in seventy years.

A SHADE of pink scarf very much affected by Harvard boys is commercially known as "raw veal."

THE Chinese Government refuses to agree to the treaty restricting Chinese immigration to Australia.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT paid a Paris doctor $5,000 for three minutes' work in cutting a wart off his neck.

MISS JULIA HILL, of Franklin, Pa., discovered a minnow two inches long in a plate of restaurant ice-cream.

THE editor of a Fort Ogden (Fla.) paper asserts that a bamboo sprout near his well grew five inches in one night.

ABOUT one hundred and fifty colors are obtained from coal tar, which has almost entirely supplanted vegetable and animal dyes.

AT the Troy polytechnic the students have a craze. They paper their ceilings with envelopes of letters from their best girls.

THE Kansas State Historical Society is negotiating for the purchase of the rifle which John Brown used at Harper's Ferry.

A LAW of the New York State Legislature, forbidding the heating of railway cars by stoves, has been declared constitutional.

IN Roostoen, Holland, there is a giant rose tree belonging to Mme. Regnen, which a few years ago held 6,000 roses at the same time.

PAPER clothing is being made by a Minnesota inventor. It is as soft as cloth and it is claimed that the cold can not penetrate it.

AMERICANS are expected to spend this year, for one purpose or another, aside from purely business, the snug sum of $100,000,000 in Europe.

"A DYNAMITE cartridge one foot in length takes only 1-2400ths of a second to explode, scientists say." We are willing to take their word for it.

THE Countess Crosby, of the old nobility of Austria, has gone on the road with her circus troupe. She will take it to Paris before the Exposition closes.

A SWARM of bees, attracted by a comb of honey in the window, took possession of a grocery store in Plainfield, N. J., and put an end to business for the day.

WHITELAW REID, minister to Paris, has rented the house of Comtesse de Grammont, in that city, at an annual rental of $23,000. His salary as Minister is $17,500.

GEO. A. WESTERFIELD, a Chicago young man, fell in love with Lydia Thompson, the burlesque actress, and growing despondent after she left the city, killed himself.

LEVI CLOWDIS, of Livingston, Mo., used to boast that he had not read a newspaper for fifty years. The other day two strangers played the bunko game on him for $1,500.

THE Navy Department has decided to send the remains of Captain John Ericsson to Sweden, his native land, for burial. They will be taken on the new cruiser Chicago.

BETWEEN fifteen and sixteen thousand children are lost in London every year, almost all of whom are found and restored to their parents by the aid of the Metropolitan police.

WM. H. CAMPBELL, an old fashioned Democrat, who has been postmaster in a Vermont town for four years, has just stepped out and his wife, a "staunch Republican," has been given the commission.

OF ten English business men seven die under the age of 47. Of ten French business men eight die under that age. In the United States the ratio is less than six. How about that old howl that we are living too fast?

JOHN D. DAVIS, a farmer, residing at New Diggins, Ill., put his milk cans on the wood-pile to dry, and the reflection of the sun's rays from them set the wood on fire, doing considerable damage to his house and barn.

THE leading coal firms of Pittsburgh engaged in shipping coal South have combined, it is said, to buy out all the small operators and secure a monopoly, by which they can dictate prices to consumers from Wheeling to New Orleans.

IN a theater at Ashton, England, during the performance of a melodrama, an excited woman threw her bonnet and umbrella at the "villain" on the stage when he was strangling one of the characters. She "brought down the house."

THE Japanese Government has engaged two German lawyers in Berlin to proceed to Tokio and reframe the Japanese penal code to conform to the German instead of the French code, as now.

THE Mormon Church has bought a large amount of land in Manitoba and many of the saints, with their flocks, their herds, their wives, children, man servants and maid servants, are leaving Utah and Idaho and going to the new promised land.

IT is proposed to erect a monument to the late E. P. Roe by placing a natural boulder at some suitable spot near his home at Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y., and the Christian Union invites subscriptions. A few hundred dollars will cover the cost.

APPALLING!

The Greatest Disaster America Has Ever Known.

A Waterspout Bursts a Reservoir.

Johnstown, Pa., Overwhelmed and Almost Entirely Swept Away.

Great Body of Water Three and a Half Miles Long and a Quarter Wide, in Some Places a Hundred Feet Deep Plunges Down from a Height of Three Hundred Feet—Fifteen Thousand Lives Lost and Immense Destruction of Property.

PITTSBURGH, PA., June 1.—The flood at Johnstown has resulted in an awful catastrophe. The reservoir above the town broke about five o'clock, last evening, and the immense volume of water rushed down to the city, carrying with it death and destruction. Houses, with their occupants, were swept away, and scores—probably hundreds—of people were drowned. There is no communication with Johnstown, but a telegraph operator in the Pennsylvania railroad town of Sang Hollow, twelve miles this side of Johnstown, says at least seventy-five dead bodies have floated past. The wires are all down and no trains are running east of Blairsville, which is about twenty-five miles west of Johnstown.

Latest reliable information received from Johnstown comes through Pennsylvania railroad officials, who aver that over two hundred dead bodies have been counted floating down stream at Johnstown, while along the line many additional lives have been lost. It is asserted that there are but two houses in Johnstown proper entirely above the water line. A special train, bearing Pennsylvania railroad officials and a large number of newspaper men, has left this city for the scene. Telegraphic communication is entirely cut off, and until telegraph repairmen and operators, with necessary instruments, open up at the nearest point, but little reliable information can be obtained.

A special from Greensburg says: "A report has just reached here that the greater portion of Johnstown has been flooded and thousands of lives lost. Houses are floating about, and the people who are free are panic-stricken, and are fleeing to the mountains. At a point near New Florence eighty-five persons have been seen floating down the river on drift-wood. One report comes that but two roofs of the houses in Johnstown can be seen. The Covetown and New Florence bridges have been washed away, and all the buildings along the Conemaugh between New Florence and Johnstown have been carried away. The railroad towers have been abandoned by the operators."

W. N. Hayes, Supervisor of the section of the Pennsylvania railroad covered by the flood, telegraphed at 10 o'clock last night to Superintendent Pitcairn as follows: "The destruction is terrible. The dump at Johnstown is gone between the bridge and tower. West of Johnstown, at some points the tracks are entirely carried away and road-bed gone. The river for three-quarters of a mile above the bridge is filled with buildings and driftwood, forty feet high, and is on fire, burning furiously, and is entirely beyond our control. I can not estimate the amount of damage. I walked over from Johnstown to Sanghollow, four miles. Johnstown is literally wiped out." Superintendent Pitcairn, who is at New Florence, sixty-five miles east of Pittsburgh, telegraphs that over one hundred men, women and children passed Sanghollow, clinging to debris. Seven were rescued at Sanghollow, two at Conemaugh Furnace and two at New Florence. Only forty-seven of the hundred and over passed New Florence. The loss of life and property will be terrible. A freight engineer says that at 2 p. m. he saw three men and a woman struggling for their lives in the Conemaugh river just below Johnstown.

The Western Union office in Johnstown was swept away at 4 o'clock. The water in Cambria City, where were located the Cambria Iron Works, is thirty-five feet deep and rising.

Pennsylvania railway officials state that they have advices that over 200 dead bodies have been counted floating down stream at Johnstown alone, while all along the line many additional lives have been lost. Johnstown is described as wholly submerged, only two houses being entirely above the water line.

GREENSBURG, PA., June 1.—In order to understand the nature of the calamity it is necessary to describe the respective locations of the reservoir at Johnstown. The reservoir lies about two and one-half miles northeast of Johnstown, and is the site of the old reservoir, which was one of the feeders of the old Pennsylvania canal. It is the property of wealthy men in Pittsburgh, who formed themselves into a corporation, the title of which is the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club. This sheet of water was formerly known as Conemaugh Lake. It is from 200 to 300 feet above the level of Johnstown, being in the mountains. It is about three and a half miles long and from a mile to a mile and a quarter in width and in some places it is 100 in depth. It holds more water than any other reservoir, natural or artificial, in the United States. The lake has been quadrupled in size by artificial means, and was held in check by a dam from 700 to 1,000 feet wide. It is 90 feet in thickness at the base, and the height is 110 feet. The top has a breadth of over 20 feet. Recognizing the menace which the lake had to the region below the South Fork Club had the dam inspected once a month by the Pennsylvania Railroad Engineer, and their investigation showed that nothing less than some convulsion of nature would tear the barrier away and loosen the weapon of death. The steady rains of the past forty-eight hours increased the volume of water in all the mountain streams which were already swelled by the lesser rains earlier in the week. From the best information obtained at this time it is evident that something in the nature of a cloud-burst must have been the culmination of the struggle of the water against the embankment.

The course of the torrent from the broken dam at the foot of the lake to Johnstown is almost eighteen miles, and, with the exception of at one point, the water passed through a narrow, V-shaped valley. Four miles below the dam lay the town of South Fork, where the South Fork itself empties into Conemaugh river. The town contained about 2,000 inhabitants. It has not been heard from, but it is said that four-fifths of it has been swept away. Four miles further down, on Conemaugh river, which runs parallel with the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad, was the town of Mineral Point. It had 800 inhabitants, 90 per cent. of the houses being on a flat close to the river. It seems impossible at this time to hope that any of them have escaped. A distance of six miles further down was the town of Conemaugh, and here alone was there a topographical possibility of the spreading of the flood and the breaking of its force. It contained about 2,500 inhabitants, and must be almost wholly devastated.

Woodvale, with 2,000 people, lay a mile below Conemaugh in the flat, and one mile further down where Johnstown and its cluster of sister towns, Cambria City and Conemaugh borough, with a total population of 30,000. On made ground and stretched along right at the river verge were the immense iron works of the Cambria Iron and Steel Company, which has $5,000,000 invested in their plant. Besides this there are many other large industrial establishments on the bank of the river, how badly damaged can not be estimated.

The banks of the Conemaugh river are overflowed for miles, and the whole country is deluged with water. The Pennsylvania railroad, all along the river from Johnstown to New Florence, is washed away, and travel is entirely suspended. At Sang Hollow the operator in one of the railroad towers counted eighty-seven dead bodies floating down the river on the driftwood. The river rose so rapidly that all the operators in the towers between Sang Hollow and New Florence had to flee for their lives. The bridges at New Florence on the Pennsylvania railroad, and Cokestown, on the West Pennsylvania, were carried away. Houses, furniture, etc., are being carried down the river.

PITTSBURGH, June 1.—Reports from along the Kiskiminetas river, into which the Conemaugh empties, are most distressing. The river near Saltsburg is filled with wreckage, and a number of persons were noticed clinging to such timbers as would bear their weight. At Blairsville men are stationed on the bridges and banks in the hope of rescuing some of those who were being carried down the stream. The volume of water is unprecedented. The iron bridge connecting Blairsville with the Blairsville intersection has been carried away, and with it a train of heavily loaded cars standing upon the bridge to hold it in place. This was the largest and strongest bridge on the West Pennsylvania railway. It is thought that all of the West Pennsylvania railway bridges will share a similar fate.

All of the towns in the Kiskiminetas Valley are expected to be submerged. Among them are Livermore, Saltsburg, Apollo, Leechburg and Avenmore, having a population of from 8,000 to 10,000 each. The inhabitants along the river have been warned, but are almost panic-stricken at the idea of their great loss of property which is inevitable.

Later reports from Cokestown is to the effect that the entire town is submerged, and a number of lives have been lost at that place.

BOLIVAR, PA., June 1.—A man rescued in the river here, who was swept away from Johnstown, says positively that not less than fifteen thousand lives are probably lost in the valley of the Conemaugh. This point is twenty miles below Johnstown, and the work of rescuing men, women and children sweeping down the river has been going steadily forward all night.

BLAIRSVILLE INTERSECTION, PA., June 1.—At Lockport, about eighteen miles from Johnstown, the scene of the disaster, Eliel Benson, an old man, Mrs. Boyle, Paddy Madden and two Hungarians were rescued. Mr. Benson said: "I live in Cambria City. I think that not less than 15,000 people were lost. In the house with me on Chestnut street were ten persons beside myself, and I feel sure they were all lost. Up to 4 o'clock in the afternoon the water, which was seven feet deep in the streets, remained stationary. About 4 in the afternoon the great rush came. In fifteen minutes the water rose fully ten feet. Houses came floating down the streets. There were people in every one of them, and God only knows how many were lost. As they were carried off the houses were jammed together and against the houses still standing, and in a very few minutes they were all battered to pieces before they were carried very far. The house I was in was soon smashed to pieces, and I managed to jump onto a cellar door. In a few seconds I was rushed into the flood, and when I looked back where Cambria City stood there was nothing but a great lake of water. It looks to me as if every house had been razed or covered over. The vast sheet of water was full of floating timbers, roofs of houses, rafts, boards and other articles. The scene was indescribable. The cries of the men, women and children were frightful. I passed Paddy Madden's wife, my son's wife and a man clinging to the roof of a house. I called to them and bade them good-bye. In a short time I was caught by the water and turned under. Every once in a while I got into a whirlpool, and more than once almost lost my grip on the cellar-door. I saw people in the water ahead of me and all around me. Many of them were struck by the crashing timbers and killed outright; others were so badly hurt that they fell into the water and were drowned at once.

BOLIVAR, PA., June 1.—At Lockport sixty-five families are homeless, having lost every thing but their lives. Edward Deck, a young railroader, rescued an old gentleman, a lady named Adams, of Cambria, and her two children by swimming out to the house in which they were imprisoned. Cutting a hole in the roof and putting them through, he then swam ashore with them, one at a time until all were saved. Deck then fell exhausted.

Patrick Madden was nearly dead when pulled from the river. He was in the house of Edward Garvey. All were caught. Ten minutes later the house was wrecked. Garvey and his brother-in-law were both drowned, and Madden was thrown into the flood. "When I rose to the surface I saw my wife hanging to a piece of scantling. She let it go and was drowned, almost within reach of my arm, and I could not help or save her. I caught a log and floated with it for five or six miles, but it was knocked from under me when I went over the dam. I then caught a bale of hay and was taken out by Mr. Marenrow. My wife is certainly drowned and six children are all missing, and I fear all are drowned. There are, without doubt, fully three thousand people lost between Conemaugh borough and Cambridge City."

Henry Berkert and George Right were also conspicuous among the life-saving corps, and rescued four people from the water.

SOCIAL DUTIES

Absorbing the Time of the Samoan Commissioners.

They Are Kept Busy Attending Dinners and Receptions—How the Newspaper Men Are Working the Mine.

BERLIN, June 1.—In addition to the hard work which the American Commissioners to the Samoan Conference lay out for themselves each day, they are obliged to give up considerable time to social duties in the gay German Capital, and every night when they are not entertaining guests at their rooms at the Kaiserhof, they are sure to be at some dinner given in their honor by some distinguished resident of Berlin. During the past week two notable dinners were given for them—the first on Wednesday by Sir Edward Malet, the English Embassador, and the other on Friday night, when Count Von Holstein, one of the German Secretaries of State, gave them a banquet, which for menu, wines and character of its guests is said never to have been equaled in Berlin. The wines were of the rarest vintages, and, indeed, most of them are unpurchasable now. Among the guests were Count Waldersee (Von Moltke's successor), Count Von Wedell, the Emperor's Aid, Mr. William Walter Phelps, Mr. Kasson, Count Eulenberg and many other representatives of political and social rank. Count Von Holstein visited the United States some thirty years ago and was then so kindly received by friends of Mr. Phelps that he has been most lavish in his hospitality here to that gentleman and his colleagues during their stay. The American delegation occupied an entire floor of the Kaiserhof Hotel. Each member has his private bedroom and working-room adjoining, and in the center of the suit is a large and handsomely furnished room which during the day is used as a reception room for formal visitors, and in the evening as a common dining-room. The work-room of each Commissioner is besieged day and night by newspaper men representing London and American journals, but thus far their success in getting news of the proceedings of the commission has been confined to what they have been able to get in the form of indignant denial from the German officials. Their method has been to concoct some story which, if true, would be so injurious to German interests that the German commissioners have felt compelled to deny it, and this denial generally forms the basis of voluminous dispatches.

Dr. Cronin's Clothing Found.

CHICAGO, June 1.—Dr. Cronin's clothing has been found, and another link forged in the chain of evidence that surrounds the murder. The first clue was obtained by the finding of the drawers by Sol Hamberger and Eddie Bresch, two little boys of Lake View. Louis Hamberger, the eighteen-year-old brother of the first named lad, then notified the police, and conducting Lieutenant Schuettler to the mouth of the Fifty-ninth street sewer, instituted a search which resulted in the unearthing of the physician's pants, coat and undershirt. They were buried over a foot under ground, and were only discovered by probing in the sand with sharp sticks. The shirt bore the name of the unfortunate doctor, and the other articles were readily recognized as portions of his apparel. The pants in places were deeply stained with blood.

Crushed by a Falling Tree.

NEW ORLEANS, June 1.—Wednesday evening, during a storm on Red Bayou, in DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, a red oak tree was blown over, and, falling on the dwelling of Joe Raffela, close behind, it crushed the house and killed or wounded six persons. Mrs. Raffela; a daughter, Octana, aged 17; a son, Felix, aged 11; a son, Evans, aged 4, and William, 15 months old, were all crushed to death. The eldest son, Joseph, was wounded severely, but not fatally, by the splinters, while Joseph, sr., the head of the family, who was lying sick in bed, was the only member of the family who escaped uninjured.

Canada Ponies Up.

OTTAWA, June 1.—The Canadian government will have to pay Captain Allan, owner of the American ship Bridgewater, $25,000 damages, sustained through the illegal seizure of his vessel by the Canadian customs authorities. This is not all, either. Ten chances to one the Canadian authorities will have to tender an apology to the United States for an insult offered to the stars and stripes on board the Bridgewater while under seizure at Shelbourne, N. S.

Boodler McGarigle Gives Himself Up.

CHICAGO, June 1.—W. J. McGarigle, ex-warden of the Cook County Hospital, who has been a fugitive from justice, under indictment as one of the "boodlers" in the county ring, living for some time in Banf, British Columbia, walked into Judge Shepard's court room shortly before noon today and delivered himself up. He was at once taken to the office of the State's attorney.

Frost in Alabama.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., June 1.—The weather here yesterday morning was the coldest ever known in this section at this season of the year. Light frosts are reported at several points near the city, and crops are injured slightly. The thermometer registered thirty-eight degrees at points in the city at daylight this morning.

Samoan Conference.

BERLIN, June 1.—The Samoan conference will not meet again for several days. The Commissioners have agreed to the questions at issue, and have drawn up a protocol. This has been telegraphed to the governments interested, and it is expected that replies will be received by wire. On their arrival a formal sitting will be held.

Estimated Public Debt Decrease.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—It is estimated at the Treasury Department that there has been a decrease of $8,000,000 in the public debt during the month of May, notwithstanding the disbursement of nearly $13,000,000 during the month on account of pensions. The Treasury surplus is now stated at $54,000,000.

Christening at the White House.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The President's granddaughter, Mary Lodge McKee, was christened at the White House by her great-grandfather, Rev. Dr. Scott, in the presence of the family, the members of the Cabinet and General and Mrs. Williams.

THE DEAD.

Almost a Thousand Bodies Collected at Johnstown and Vicinity—While Thousands More Are Burned or Buried in the Mud and Debris—Hungarians Caught Robbing the Dead and Two Are Hanged, Another Shot and Several Driven Into the River and Drowned.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., June 3.—To say that Johnstown is a wreck is but stating the facts of the case. Nothing like it was ever seen in this country. Where long rows of dwelling-houses and business blocks stood forty-eight hours ago, ruin and desolation now reign supreme. Probably fifteen hundred houses have been swept from the face of the earth as completely as if they had never been erected. Main street, from end to end, is piled fifteen and twenty feet high with debris, and in some instances it is as high as the roofs of the houses. This great mass of wreckage fills the street from curb to curb, and frequently has crushed the fronts of buildings in and filled the space with reminders of the terrible calamity. It will require several days yet to form a definite idea as to the loss of life, but it will certainly reach thousands. Every hour brings fresh evidences of the fact that the disaster eclipses anything of the kind in the history of the country and no one can say what the final results will be. Every hour or so the forces of men working on the various heaps of debris find a number of bodies buried in the mud and wreckage. It is believed that when the flames are extinguished in the wreckage at the bridge, and the same is removed, that hundreds and hundreds of victims will be discovered. In fact, this seems certain, as dozens of bodies have already been found on the outskirts of the huge mass of broken timber. Reports from outside points are also appalling. Up to 9 o'clock to-night 180 bodies have been embalmed at Nineveh, and there is a report that 200 more have been discovered half buried in the mud on an island between New Florence and the place named. At the Fourth Ward school-house over 100 victims have been laid out for identification. In many cases they have been recognized, while in many more the tabs bear the simple word "Unknown." Nearly a thousand bodies so far have been collected. Former reports have not been exaggerated. The loss of life is so frightful that it is feared to tell the truth about it. Fifteen thousand men, women and children have perished in the flood and flames, and several hundred more will die from wounds and exhaustion. The people here are apprehensive of pestilential epidemic as the direct cause of the thousands of bodies putrifying in the river. The waters of the Conemaugh are literally choked with masses of putrescent humanity, the stench of which is so powerful that in places it is impossible to approach within a square of the river. Just as the shadows began to fall upon the earth last evening a party of thirteen Hungarians were noticed stealthily picking their way along the banks of Conemaugh towards Sang Hollow. Suspicious of their purpose, several farmers armed themselves and started in pursuit. Soon their most horrible fears were realized. The Hungarians went out for plunder. Lying upon the shore they came upon the dead and mangled body of a woman upon whose person there were a number of trinkets of jewelry and two diamond rings. In their eagerness to secure the plunder the Hungarians got into a squabble, during which one of their number severed the finger upon which were the ring, and started on a run with his fearful prize. The revolting nature of the deed so wrought up the pursuing farmers, who by this time were close at hand, that they gave immediate chase. Some of the Hungarians showed fight, but being outnumbered were compelled to flee for their lives. Nine of the brutes escaped, but four were literally driven into the surging river and to their death. The inhuman monster whose atrocious act has been described was among the number of the involuntary suicides. Two other Hungarians were caught robbing the dead and were hanged from a tree; another was shot.

South Pacific Mail Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—John D. Spreckels, the president of the Oceanic Steamship Company, states that New South Wales has renewed its contract with the company for one year to carry the Australian mails, which the Canadian Line of the steamship was seeking to obtain. The Government of New Zealand has not joined in the contract, owing to the failure of the United States to share in the expenses equally, as heretofore, and the steamers may not stop at Auckland in consequence, but, in the event that an arrangement can be effected with the U. S. postal authorities, will stop at Honolulu and at Apia, and will also stop at Auckland provided a satisfactory understanding is reached between New Zealand and the American postal authorities.

An Expensive Railroad Ride.

DENVER, COL., June 3.—Jacob Bohm, a wealthy German, paid two dollars a mile to ride over the Denver and Rio Grande railroad yesterday. He wanted to go from Denver to Trinidad in the shortest possible time, as he had $20,000 at stake. He paid the company $400 for a trip of six hours.

Denver Breweries Gobbled.

DENVER, COL., June 3.—The English syndicate, which for some time past has been busily engaged in buying up American breweries, have succeeded in getting control of Denver's two leading properties. The amount paid is said to have been $3,000,000.

He Was Determined to Die.

PERU, IND., June 3.—Gus Neep, butcher, aged thirty-five, made a fourth and successful attempt at suicide last night. He took five grains of morphine, from the effect of which he died this morning.

WORDS WORTH WEIGHING.

HE who is devoted to every body is devoted to nobody.

GIVE advice when asked: don't deal it out miscellaneously.

HABIT renders wrong-doing of any kind a sort of second nature.

NOTHING is degrading which a high and graceful purpose ennoble.

TRUTH has never yet proved fatal to any one; there are too many antidotes.

TO OWE gratitude oppresses a coarse nature; to receive it oppresses a fine one.

FOR many natures it is as much a duty of cleanliness to change opinions as to change clothes.

UNSEASONABLE WEATHER.

Ice in Michigan and Snow in Indiana—Rains Very Heavy.

WABASH, IND., May 31.—The heaviest rainfall in years has been prevailing throughout this section for two days. At Benton Harbor, on the line of the Cincinnati, Wabash and Michigan railway, snow fell this morning to the depth of six inches. Snow is also reported at other places.

PERU, IND., May 31.—Rain fell heavily all day long in this vicinity, and continued last night. Decoration Day services were entirely dispensed with.

WINIMAC, IND., May 31.—Rain has fallen without ceasing for the last forty-eight hours, but changed to a snow-storm yesterday afternoon. We have had nearly two inches of rainfall, and much damage will be done by floods.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 31.—The constant rain of Thursday gave way early yesterday morning to a heavy snow-fall, which melted rapidly, and this was succeeded again by rain, which continued all day.

CHICAGO, May 31.—Cold weather in Michigan last night produced snow and ice. The rainfall in some sections was very heavy.

DETROIT, May 31.—At Schoolcraft the snow is four inches deep and still falling, while at Portland and Flint the average depth is two inches, but owing to almost a hurricane it has drifted to a much greater depth. The damage to crops is very great.

PEORIA, May 30.—Heavy rains have fallen for fifty hours in Central Illinois. At Galena there was a damaging frost last night, blighting fields of corn and blasting fruit trees.

CHEYBOYGAN, MICH., May 31.—It froze hard here Tuesday night, ice forming an eighth of an inch thick. Early vegetables and tender plants were killed and fruit trees badly nipped by the frost.

BUILDING COLLAPSES,

Burying the Workmen in its Ruins—Five Lives Lost by a Shocking Accident at Danville, Virginia.

DANVILLE, VA., May 31.—A terrible accident occurred here yesterday. J. G. Penn was building a large brick tobacco factory on Bridge street, nearly 200 feet long and six stories high. The wall had been completed and carpenters were at work on it. The wind was blowing hard, and about 2 o'clock this afternoon the entire building came down with a crash. Robert Pruitt, Wm. Young, G. B. Jones, Buck Hooper and D. N. Collie were killed. Henry Oakes will die, and six others were badly injured. Several men were buried in the ruins, and a considerable time elapsed before they were extricated.

Haymarket Monument Unveiled.

CHICAGO, May 31.—At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the memorial monument erected by citizens in honor of the policemen who were killed by an Anarchist bomb in the Haymarket riot on May 4, 1886, was unveiled. The ceremonies were very simple. The monument consists of a

pedestal surmounted by a bronze statue of a policeman in uniform, of heroic size. The statue is the work of Mr. J. J. Gelert, a Chicago sculptor. The memorial stands upon the scene of the riot at the intersection of Desplaines and West Randolph streets, and is something over twenty feet in height.

Counterfeit Gold Coin.

WATERLOO, IA., May 31.—For some time past counterfeit five-dollar gold pieces have been in circulation in different parts of the State. The pieces appeared to be of the coinage of 1884, and their appearance was perfect except that they were light weight. Yesterday a man was caught passing one, and was later arrested, at La Porte, Ia. On being searched, $222 in bogus gold coin was found on his person.

A Demand on France.

NEW YORK, May 31.—The Herald Washington correspondent telegraphs that Secretary Blaine yesterday sent a long cablegram to Minister Reid, at Paris, demanding an immediate investigation of the matter of the arrest and alleged ill-treatment of three New York ladies at Mentone, France, and insisting upon an ample apology.

Iron Discovered in Oklahoma.

ST. LOUIS, May 31.—Dispatches from Oklahoma report the finding of rich iron mines a short distance from Guthrie. The ore is said to be very fine, and probably contains sixty-five per cent. of iron. A shaft will be sunk at once.

Mexico Has a Disastrous Flood.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 31.—Via Galveston.—Heavy storms of rain and hail at Huentjutla have caused the river to inundate that town, drowning many persons and cattle, washing away many houses and destroying crops.

Barnum's Successor.

NEW HAVEN, CT., May 31.—Congressman Carlos French has been elected a member of the National Democratic Committee to represent this State in place of Wm. H. Barnum, deceased.

For Life.

SHREVEPORT, LA., May 31.—In the district court Walter Douglas and Jake Bergman, two men convicted of murdering Jno. Dickinson recently, were sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

Railroaders Fatally Hurt.

BUCKNER, TENN., May 31.—In a freight train collision here, Engineer Wm. Bogart and Fireman John Hammond were fatally injured.

Drainage Bill Signed.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., May 31.—Governor Fifer has signed the Chicago drainage bill.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

MRS. FANNY DE MEREE died near Louisville, at the age of 115 years.

NEAR Guthrie, a man named Swift was shot and fatally wounded by James Morrow.

THE Lair family, living in Mercer County, contains some excellent material for Germany's famous First Regiment of the Guard. The father is six feet two inches in height, the mother six feet three. The tallest of the seven sons stretches the tape measure to six feet eight inches; the lowest runs it out to six feet four. The combined height of the stalwart family of nine is fifty-nine feet one and one-half inches.

THE following pensions for Kentuckians were granted a few days ago: Original invalid—Anthony Gaum, Samuel Patrick, Banart Horstman, Edmond G. Bunous. Increase—John E. Walters, John H. Ramey, Thos. J. McQueen, Augustus Miles, Jackson G. Dorr. Reissue and Increase—John Strong. Original Widows, etc.—Narissa Rabown for widow of Lewis Gulby and minors of Lewis Gulby. Mexican Widow, Reissue—Nancy J., widow of W. Kelly.

THE Fayette County court of claims adjourned the other day, after a thirteen days' session. The county levy was reduced from eighty-six to seventy-six cents on the hundred dollars. A committee was appointed to report on the advisability of building a new jail.

THE last rail on the Frankfort and Georgetown division of the Kentucky Midland railway was laid May 29.

THE body of Robert Allen, who was drowned near Little Hickman, has been recovered.

AN eighteen-months-old child fell out of a second-story window at Nicholasville. It may recover.

THE Eastern Kentucky Mining and Lumber Company, with a capital of $100,000, has been incorporated. Paris is its headquarters.

EIGHTY-FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS have been subscribed at Paris for water-works purposes.

IT is said that an English syndicate is after the Kentucky distilleries.

MISS LENA HAMILTON has brought suit for $15,000 against J. J. Shackleford for alleged breach of promise. Both are prominent in social circles at Maysville.

WHILE Joseph Roberts and his son were seeking shelter from the storm in Shelby County, a few days ago, a tree fell and crushed Roberts to death. The boy was also injured, but escaped with his life.

AT Versailles Police Officer Al Curtis, charged with the killing of George Dawson on May 9, had an examining trial before Judge Parrish and was bound over to circuit court in the sum of $500 to answer the charge of manslaughter.

THE following fourth-class postmasters were appointed the other day for Kentucky: J. S. Patrick, Bloomington, Magoffin County, vice John Franklin, removed. Ed Callahan, Crocketsville, Breathitt County, vice Jas. G. Deaton, removed. W. H. Young, Parkland, Jefferson County, vice Wm. C. Couper, resigned. Mrs. N. J. Ratcliff, Pomeroyton, Menifee County, vice W. C. Catron, removed. A. J. Kimbrel, Rightangle, Clark County, vice Frederick Low, removed.

CAPTAIN JAMES A. ALLEN died at his residence in Paris, the other evening, aged sixty years. His death was the result of a wound received at the battle of Chickamauga, from which he had suffered for years. He was a Lieutenant in the "Orphans Brigade."

MR. G. F. SETTLE, an old and esteemed citizen of Horse Cave, died suddenly of heart disease the other afternoon.

DURING a severe thunder storm, the other morning, the large flouring mill of J. D. Carroll & Co., at Adairville, was struck by lightning and caught fire and burned completely to the ground. The mill was a very fine one. The loss is estimated at $15,000, with $12,000 insurance.

THE Kentucy Homeopathic Society was in session at Lexington, a few days ago. The following officers were elected: President, A. L. Monroe, Louisville; vice president, J. A. Vansant, Mt. Sterling; secretary, E. B. Johns, Danville; treasurer, M. Dills, Carlisle; board of censors, J. A. Lucy, J. F. Edgar, O. H. Buck.

AT Covington, Jacob Raum got judgment against the Kentucky Central railroad for $75 damages. The plaintiff was knocked off a car.

AT Murray City two brothers, named Downes, aged thirteen and fifteen, were playing with a pistol, when the weapon was discharged, entering the brain of the younger and killing him almost instantly.

A MOVEMENT is on foot to start a national bank at Pembroke, Christian County. Thirty thousand dollars has been subscribed already, and the bank will probably be organized.

WOODWARD County Democrats have nominated Samuel H. Shouse as their candidate for Representative in the next Legislature.

THE indictment of ex-Treasurer Louis Constans, for embezzlement, and ex-City Clerk Wm. F. McClure, on a similar charge, by the grand jury in Newport, a few days ago, has greatly excited the people of that city. Mr. Constans' shortage is fixed at $34,947.64 and that of McClure at $1,071.36. Bench warrants were issued for the arrest of both parties, but Mr. Constans immediately upon learning of the indictment against him, surrendered himself to the authorities and his bail was fixed at $15,000. He was in the custody of the officials and every opportunity was given him to furnish the bond. Mr. McClure's bond was fixed at $2,000.

WM. GRAHAM, a young man living near Concord, Lewis County, accidentally shot himself in the head while handling a pistol, causing death in a few hours.

LOGAN COUNTY Democrats have selected Dr. R. N. Beauchamp as their candidate for Representative in the next Legislature.

THE administrators of Nolan Edmundson, recently killed by an L. and N. train, near Russellville, have filed suit there for $25,000 damages.

THE new Christian Church at Leesburg, was dedicated the other Sunday, about four thousand people being present.

MRS. HENRY WAGGONER, wife of a wealthy Union County farmer, ate a hearty dinner a few days ago, and rose laughing from the table, when she suddenly fell to the floor and instantly expired. Supposed to have been heart disease.

AT Lexington, the case against Thomas O'Brien, jr., charged with the murder of Betty Shea, was continued until June 7.

JOHN REED, John Nelson, Walker Reed, Wm. Thomas and James Sandgrass were arrested and taken to Frankfort by a deputy marshal the other day, and lodged in jail as moonshiners. They will be tried by the U. S. Court.