

CURRENT COMMENT.

THACKERAY'S letters are said to be attracting much attention, and will receive an interest in his books.

FRITZ, the Crown Prince of Germany, is no longer the Prince of a school girl's imagination. Fritz is fifty-six and the old Emperor may outlive him yet.

HEAVY rains have been succeeded by serious floods over a wide section of Queensland, Australia. Large portions of the crops have been destroyed, and it is feared that the result will be financial ruin to many farmers.

An extensive plot among the inhabitants of Upper Burma and the Dacotas to burn the towns in that section, massacre the Europeans and proclaim a new King, has been frustrated by the police and loyal Burmese, who, after three days' fighting, captured the leaders.

SENATOR BECK was reported urging on the President the necessity of calling a special session of Congress as early as September. He believed that with the revenues coming in there would be a serious contraction of the currency unless Congress took measures to provide, or unless bonds were bought at a high premium. The President has told the Senator that he does not think an extra session necessary.

SENATOR McPHERSON, of New Jersey, views with alarm the tendency of the labor organizations to "back by themselves" politically as meaning serious injury to the Democratic party. He says that if the labor party nominates, in 1888, a separate National ticket as it did in 1884 it will make Democratic success extremely doubtful in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Indiana and West Virginia.

WILLIAM HENSON, a Baltimore plate trimmer, had himself arrested at Washington recently for violation of the law imposing a license tax on commercial agents. In the police court he was fined \$200, and on refusing to pay the fine or offer bail was committed to the custody of the marshal for sixty days. An application for a writ of habeas corpus was immediately presented to the court in general term, and it was made returnable at once. The purpose was to make this a test case.

The corporation counsel gave the New York police board the other day an opinion as to the disposition of the \$500,000 in bonds recently captured with Bertha John Talbot and stolen from a Philadelphia peddler who wanted them back. The property clerk of the police department is instructed he may not give them back without the consent of Talbot, who is in prison, or at the end of a suit against the property clerk with Talbot as co-respondent. This is because the bonds were not in evidence to convict Talbot.

An Atlanta, Ga., special says: "There is a conflict of jurisdiction between the State and Federal courts in Georgia. William M. Miller violated the Prohibition law, was indicted and on trial, when, by a writ of habeas corpus, the case was transferred to the Federal court. Judge Clark wrote a letter to Governor Gordon, denouncing the action of Judge Pardee as an infringement on State sovereignty, and asked that the State take measures against such encroachments. The State will claim the jurisdiction of the prisoner."

JUDGING from the programme just published by the Berlin University of the lectures for the coming summer semester, that institution represents a perfect tower of Babel. The following are the languages to be taught: Latin, Greek, French, English, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Danish, Polish, Russian, Hungarian, Slovenian, Sanskrit, Syriac, Assyrian, Babylonian, Semitic, Armenian, Arabic, Turkish, Ethiopian and Chinese. The new Oriental series, which is to be created, is likely to add some more languages to the foregoing list.

The late President Arthur's bric-a-brac and paintings were sold at auction at New York recently. A Swiss inkstand once owned by General Winfield Scott brought \$2; a painting of General Sheridan's horse killed, \$12.50; a portrait of a horse Conkling, \$4; and an antique leather Bible, \$25. These oil paintings were sold: "The Student," \$19.00; "Aqueduct Bridge," \$20; "Eve's Home," \$10; "St. Louis, La.," \$25; "Cane Scene," \$10; "Nut Gatherers," \$17; "Madonna," \$11, and a model of the United States steamer U. S. Grant, \$6.

LEADING statesmen and literary men of Spain are said to be interested in uniting with influential politicians of Central and South America in advocating closer commercial and political relations between the Spanish countries on both sides of the Atlantic with the view of forming a commercial "zollverein" and political alliance to enable the States interested to combat with the growing influences of the Anglo-Saxon race, especially in Central America, Mexico and the West Indies and in order to prevent the Panama canal falling into the hands of America.

The Spaniards expect Cuba and Porto Rico will be great gains by the opening of the canal.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL. THE Russian royal family have abandoned their proposed journey to the Crimea owing to grave reports from the interior.

THE three constitutional amendments, voted on in California, all defeated. The first provided a method for the selection of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; the second for the increase of salary of the Supreme Judges, and the third, cities over 100,000 population to be empowered to make their own city charter. The proposed new charters for San Francisco was also defeated.

THE Central American Diet, recently held in Guatemala, agreed to three treaties which are to be recognized as law by the five Central American Republics. The treaties provide for amity, arbitration and unity against foreign encroachments.

THE French Government has announced at Paris to assure the French Government that the friendly relations between Prussia and the Vatican in no way indicates hostility on the part of the Vatican towards France.

BISHOP HARKINS, the Catholic prelate of Providence, R. I., was consecrated on the 14th by Archbishop Williams of Boston.

An anti-union meeting was held the other night by Irishmen and sympathizers of the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Addressed by Rev. William J. Conroy, the resolutions were read from Governor Hill and others, and the usual resolutions passed and order was observed.

CONSUMPTION was the cause of the death of a student at the University of Washington on the 14th of the present.

It is asserted in Berlin that Russia has decided to propose a general conference of the Great Powers to be held in Constantinople on the 15th.

It was stated at both the State and Navy Departments that there was no truth in the report from Key West that Commodore George Meade had been ordered to sail, officially forbidding the English men-of-war at Port An Prince to carry out the threat of the United States.

THE President has made the following appointments: Alexander R. Lawton, of Georgia, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Germany; Newman W. McConnell, of Tennessee, to be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Montana Territory; and George W. H. Rains, of Virginia, to be Chief Justice of the United States for the Territory of Utah.

THE former ruler of the proposed republic of Cuba, General Gomez, was arrested by the Sultan of Zanzibar for making an unsuccessful attack on the Portuguese island of Pemba.

CHIEF JUSTICE DAVID CARTER, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, died at Washington on the 16th in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

MISCELLANEOUS. JAMES TOWN, N. Y., was reported infested with locusts in the latter part of the week. The locusts were seen in the fields and on the trees in one night.

JAMES WILKS, a wealthy California, was reported to have been shot by a twelve year old boy by a variety of arms found the girl in the Rochester (N. Y.) Industrial School.

THE remains of President Lincoln were taken from their secret resting place and were placed in the hands of the military authorities at Springfield, Ill., April 14, the twenty-second anniversary of his assassination.

A REIGN OF TERROR.

Jamestown, New York, by Reason of Each Street being a narrow alley, and the houses of the town being so close together, that a fire in one of them would spread to the others, and the town would be a reign of terror.

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CASUALTIES.

DESTRUCTION of life by the bursting of a boiler on the Chicago and North Western Railroad, near this city, on the 17th, was a reign of terror.

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THE LONG AND THE SHORT.

COMPLICATED Growing out of the Interstate Commerce Act and Decisions of the Courts—Matters Mixed.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The decision of the United States Circuit Court at New Orleans that the Texas and Pacific Railroad, running from New Orleans to El Paso, can disregard the long and short clause between those two places has added more confusion to the Interstate Commerce Act.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

HE Remains Removed from Their Seats—His Features Exchanged.

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THE PANHANDLE ROBBERY.

A Tailor Making Clothes For The Union Army—The Tailor's Shop Robbed.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 15.—Some new points in the wholesale Panhandle railroad robbery were developed today.

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UNFAVORABLE TO MISSIONS.

LESS Desires That Conversion to Christianity Makes the Ounce Negroes.

PARIS, April 14.—Dr. Oscar Lena, who has just returned from a prolonged tour of exploration in Africa under the auspices of the King of the Belgians, has returned with a report that the latter has made some interesting remarks concerning missionary work in Africa.

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THE RAHWAY MURDER.

THE Victim Thought to be a Scotch Girl—Identified by Her Sister.

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THE BUENA VISTA DISASTER.

THE Fall of Rock and Loss of Life Due to a Premature Blast.

BUENA VISTA, Cal., April 16.—In a 60 feet shaft on the Midland grade near Buena Vista, Cal., on the 16th, a premature blast occurred.

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THE NATIONAL DRILL.

Things Progressing For the Great Event—A Letter From General Wright.

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THE ACADEMY'S JURY.

Eleven For Acquittal and One For Conviction—The Jury's Verdict.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The jury in the case of John A. Brown, charged with the murder of George G. H