

CURRENT COMMENT.

The duties on corn going into Mexico have been restored.

ITALIANS were not allowed to work on the new sewers at Denver, Col.

The Missouri Pacific will fight the payment of the increased taxation in Kansas.

THERE is a decrease of 40 per cent. in the estimated July earnings of the Union Pacific.

LOED DEFFERN will not return to Paris as British ambassador. It is an unpleasant post.

The presence of federal troops is likely to prevent a collision between the factions in Coahuila, Mexico.

LONDON is rejoicing in having finally got rid of the gripe. Two weeks ago the death record showed only three cases due to this disease.

CONTINUED dry weather is shriveling up the tobacco crop in Connecticut and the farmers are going to try the western scheme of rainmaking.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN, the English statesman, with his wife, who was Miss Fendrick of Washington, sails for America early in September to visit the exposition.

NO INFORMATION whatever has been received at either the treasury or state department concerning the reported attack on the Philby islands by mysterious seafarers.

The treasury department has ordered the Philadelphia mint to push the coinage of small gold coin and subsidiary silver as rapidly as possible because the supply is getting low.

The cruiser Philadelphia has been ordered from Callao to Honolulu to relieve the Boston, which is in bad condition and has been ordered to sail for San Francisco for repairs.

The committee of the Columbian chess congress, after mature consideration of the very threatening financial aspect, has determined definitely to postpone the date of holding the proposed congress.

The women of Canada are indignant because they are not represented on the board of lady managers of the world's fair. Mrs. Potter Palmer claims that it is altogether the fault of the Canadian government.

The University settlement society of New York, having held a free exhibition of famous paintings in Delancy street. The attendance was 2,151 daily, recently the Metropolitan museum attendance was only 994.

JOHN F. HALLANTINE, one of the best known newspaper men in Chicago, died recently of pneumonia. He was a long time managing editor of the Daily News and previously held important positions on the Inter Ocean and Herald.

GOV. PENROD, of Oregon, has sent a letter to the members of the state legislature requesting their opinions as to the advisability of calling a special session for the purpose of passing a law to stay the execution of judgments.

It should not be forgotten that the gold arriving from Europe is probably for the purchase of American securities, which are at a low price now. When they advance, the gold will be sold and the gold will go back with a few shivers beside.

GEORGE HANVY, the robber of \$3,000 in gold from the First national bank at St. Paul, was captured at Chicago by the Pinkertons. He was caught at a poker table recklessly gambling away his ill gotten gains. The prisoner was sent to the Denver penitentiary, a famous English cracksmen.

In the report of the British revenue for the last three months it appears that the duties on imports were over \$10,000,000, property and income taxes \$20,000,000, the total revenue for that period reaching almost \$130,000,000. The balance in the Bank of England the 1st of August was \$11,500,000.

When the Russian vessels were at New York last spring the "400" paid a great deal of attention to a young officer whose supposed title was "George Alexander, grand duke of Russia." It now transpires that he was duke at all, but simply a plain prince, which is as common in Russia as a colonel in Kentucky.

On May 1 the Oceanic Phosphate Co., of San Francisco, left two men on the barren Clipperton island, where they obtained guano. They had provisions for only thirty days, and as more than that time had passed without the company making any effort to send for them, friends of the men made the matter public and forced the company to send a relief expedition. It is feared the men have starved.

NEW YORK is now applying electricity to the purification of the Croton water supply. As the water is pumped into the city, it is treated with a solution of salt water, decomposing the salt solution. The hypochlorites thus formed destroy all germs. This disinfectant is then turned into the reservoir and mixes with the city water as it runs off into the pipes. The cost of the disinfecting solution is about ten dollars for 24,000 gallons.

LONACE S. CUTLER, a political economist of California, has a fanciful plan which he thinks will solve the financial problem and relieve the stringency of the money market. He proposes that the United States shall buy British America and pay for it in silver bars at the actual average cost to the United States. This silver, he says, England could coin into money to correspond exactly in value to the dollar of the United States.

BUILDINGS which were erected thirty years ago and more on the Comstock for mining purposes at great expense have lately been torn down and the machinery sold for old iron. Salaries of superintendents then ranged from \$15,000 to \$25,000 a year. In late years there has been a great reduction of salaries consequent upon the actual production of ore and a leading superintendent who has been cut down from \$400 to \$200 a month thinks himself lucky to be paid that.

To avoid the disagreeable complication about estate duties, which arose when he bought his yacht, Commodore Van Valant has been registered as the property of the Valiant House Yacht Co., an English corporation.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Glenned by Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

MGR. SATOLFI celebrated pontifical mass in Archbishop Corrigan's cathedral. The occasion was made memorable by the presence of the archbishop, who affirmed his obedience to the pope through the ablegate.

SECRETARY GIBBHAM is not satisfied with the Behring sea decision, because it will put the United States to a great deal of trouble and expense in guarding the coast.

HARTER, one of the anti-trust leaders fears that the bill for free coinage at the rate of 30 to 1 will pass the house.

LOW republicans nominated F. D. Jackson for governor and adopted an anti-prohibition plank in the platform. Much comment was caused.

J. JOHNS CHITMAN, congressman from the First Michigan district, is dead.

JEFFERSON HASKINS, the well known Chicago horseman, died suddenly of paralysis of the heart.

SECRETARY SMITH was shown a dispatch from Joseph H. Choate, the Atlanta Journal had called upon congress to pass a free coinage bill. The secretary said no significance should be attached to the editorial of this paper or to a biographical notice that he still holds a brief of its stock.

THERE is no foundation for reports that the administration intends to discipline the silver democrats.

It is believed that Henry Loomis Nelson, a Kentucky banker, who is now in New York, will be made director of the mint.

At the world's peace congress at Chicago telegrams were sent to Queen Victoria and President Cleveland congratulating them on the outcome of the Behring sea arbitration.

E. O. LESCH, ex-director of the mint, believes that the Wilson repeal bill will pass the house, but that the senate will amend it so as to provide for free coinage of silver at a higher ratio, which will not be acceptable to the president.

VIRGINIA democrats have nominated Charles O'Ferrall for governor.

THERE is considerable excitement in Iowa over the action of the republican convention in regard to prohibition, and some papers are demanding a citizens' convention.

SECRETARY CARLISLE has requested the resignation of J. W. Fitzgerald, collector of customs at El Paso, Tex.

THE pope has raised the vicar of Idaho, United States, to the dignity of a bishop.

NEW YORK republicans are talking of nominating Joseph H. Choate, the distinguished lawyer, as a candidate for judge of the court of appeals.

POST CHAPMAN TULLY has been forced to resign from the army because of incompetency in his duties.

SECRETARY CARLISLE has given to Senator Voorhees a statement of what it would cost to recede the silver money of the country at the ratio of 30 to 1, if such is adopted.

FATHER TRACY, of Swedenborg, Pa., has been relieved of all censure by the apostolic delegate, Mgr. Satolfi.

GEORGE A. DEAS, an actor in Denmark, the "Thompson's Old Homestead" company, dropped dead of apoplexy in Chicago. Deas, who was 55 years old, has played the part of Cy Prime in the company ever since the play was first put on the stage.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE British telegraph, operated by Alvin G. Clark, of Cambridge, after designs made by Prof. Edward C. Pickering, of Harvard university, was successfully tested on the grounds at Mr. Clark's workshop.

Two robbers robbed the "Frisco train" at the hour of 12 o'clock, compelling the messenger to open the safe. After taking the contents they pulled the bell cord and escaped when the train stopped.

At appeal of the Lafayette opera house riot case has been filed in the supreme court at Indianapolis.

A FAMILY of nine persons were poisoned by drinking from an Indiana well. Three of them cannot recover.

ARMY forces met in the outskirts of Piedras Negras, Mexico, but the citizens readily submitted to the federal forces.

THE Iron Trade Review says there will be a sharp reduction of the output of pig iron in August, because of the small demand. The only encouraging feature is the activity of the steel mills at Pittsburgh.

Three street car employees of Superior, Wis., striking owing to a 30 per cent. cut in wages.

The German-American national bank, of St. Paul, which suspended a few days ago, will resume business just as soon as the necessary formalities can be completed.

TEN men were killed and twenty-six wounded in a fight on the streets of Algiers, Morocco, France, between French and Italian workmen.

The national bank of South Pennsylvania, at Hindin, Bedford county, has closed its doors.

Six thousand boxes of oranges which came over on the steamer Karamania, which was detained at quarantine, some days ago were sold at an average price of a little over \$1 a box.

A BILL to foreclose a mortgage of \$14,000 was filed against the company owning the John Brown fork which was recently taken to Chicago for exhibition. The bill alleges that the exhibition has been a failure.

CONTROLLER ECKELS has been informed that the People's national bank of Winston, N. C., capital \$100,000, had suspended.

THERE appears to be a concerted move in labor circles to forward as many of the unemployed to Washington as possible, so that their condition may be visible to congress.

The San Francisco Examiner says that the attacks on Chinese are due to the government's hot enforcing the Opium law.

The wholesale grocers of Memphis have issued a notice that they will sell hog product for cash only hereafter.

THE PRESIDENT'S ORDERS.

Cherokee Strip Will Be Opened That Date.

Homesteads to be Opened on Hearing the Glad Tidings: The Main Points of Mr. Cleveland's Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The president has issued his proclamation opening the Cherokee strip to settlement at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, central standard time, Saturday, September 16.

All the lands, except those especially reserved, recently acquired from the Cherokee Indian nation and the Ponca and Pawnee tribes in the Indian territory, known as the Cherokee outlet, are included in the proclamation's provision.

The lands now open to settlement are divided into seven counties.

After reciting the law and treaties which the government has fulfilled, the proclamation describes the tracts reserved for county seats of the several counties.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

Both Houses Trying to Solve the Financial Problem—Nothing Yet Settled.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—The senate committee on national bank bill introduced by Mr. Allison has taken up the resolution for the payment of the bonds of the national bank, which was introduced by Mr. Allison.

The Montana senatorial case was considered for a time and Mr. Lodge's bill relating to the Sherman act was taken up for debate.

Mr. Lodge spoke in favor of it and Mr. Vest's amendment was rejected.

The question was taken up in the house and Mr. Burrows (Mich.) offered a resolution directing Charles E. Doolittle to investigate the case of George F. Fisher.

The silver debate was then resumed and Mr. Vest's amendment was rejected.

Mr. Grover (N. Y.) spoke in favor of free silver, and Mr. Hall (Mass.) spoke in favor of a greater volume of currency and of free coinage.

The debate continued until adjournment.

Today in the senate on the 16th was devoted to the consideration of the financial bill.

Mr. Vest introduced two amendments to the bill which would enable national banks to increase the circulation to the amount of their par value of the United States bonds.

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