

There is a regular Napoleon boom on in France now and the manufacturers of memoirs of his reign are working overtime to keep up with orders.

Judging from the rush home-ward as evidenced by the passenger lists of the steamers, there must have been a good many Americans independent enough of the dull times to enjoy their usual outing in Europe.

CANADA has been offered \$450,000 as a settlement in full of her Behring sea claims, and will doubtless jump at the offer. So much money all at once is enough to shake her strongest nerves, but decorum prevents her acceptance of the sum until she has hag-gled for a dollar and twenty-five cents more.

ANOTHER use for aluminum has been tried in Russia. The mitres of the bishops are being made of the metal. The metropolitan of Kasan has such a mitre, as has also the one of Kieff. A mitre of aluminum weighs only a little more than a pound, while the ordinary mitres are five or six times as heavy.

RECORD breaking on the part of the ocean steamships goes on with great regularity. The New York comes in with a westbound log showing six days, eight hours and thirty-eight minutes. This reduces the time between Southampton and New York by fifty-nine minutes. The six-day ship is one of the early possibilities—that is evident.

The Vanderbilts are not to be outdone by the Astors. The Mrs. Coleman Drayton incident of a few years ago puffed the Astors up and put them on a footing with the prince of Wales and Prince George and cream of the English aristocracy. But now that Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt is suing for divorce on account of Mr. Vanderbilt's social irregularities the two families meet on a common level—a very common footing. If George Gould is going to break into the Vanderbilts, the Goulds will have to point with pride to the modest scandal of "Zella" Nicolaus and hope for the best.

In the long list of "immortals" whose figures encircle the base of the Albert memorial in London, fully one-half are Englishmen, and not one is an American. In the twenty-five celebrities whose busts will decorate the new congressional library at Washington only six are Americans, the other nineteen being Englishmen. People are asking whether this is as it should be, and whether some of these Englishmen might not appropriately give place to Americans. The question is not why any of the six busts selected should be there, but why a number of others equally deserving should not be there.

ONE grower of apricots at Ventura, Cal., sold in one year sixty tons of the dried fruit, receiving therefor \$15,000. The apricots were all grown on forty acres. Ever eat a ripe apricot a few minutes after it was plucked from its tree? Watch the face of a half starved child as some tempting viands were offered it and disappeared past the palate choking for a glass of water as glass after glass of the sparkling liquid went to irrigate his parched body? Sorrow is at least temporarily banished from the mind of the man whose mouth first envelops the dead ripe apricot.

HEAT holidays have now been established by law in the public schools of Switzerland, and our educational authorities might do worse than take a hint from this enterprising and progressive little republic, which for centuries has been famed for its enlightenment and common sense. Recognizing the well-known fact that the brain cannot work properly when the heat is excessive, the children are dismissed from their tasks whenever the thermometer goes above a certain point. Were this sensible regulation to be adopted in this country steps would have to be taken to safeguard the thermometers from being nefariously doctored by the enterprising American schoolboy.

THE calculations on the military strength of China which assume the possible Chinese army to consist of all the male Chinese and that the Japanese be obliged to kill something like 300 a day for a long term of years are certainly a little "off." Taking the most robust and warlike people in existence (and the Chinese certainly are not) their fighting strength is much less than their numerical strength. The real question is the proportion of actual efficient soldiers to the population, which, according to most accounts, is greater among the Japanese than the Chinese. Getting down to fighting figures and the odds are not greater against the Japanese than were at times brought against Frederick the Great. The question may be "Which side has the Frederick?"

THE city of San Francisco appropriates \$80,000 for street cleaning, but the streets do not get cleaned. The merchants of the city have offered to have the streets well cleaned for that amount providing they alone handle the appropriation.

The marquis of Lorne, 80-in-law of Queen Victoria, has written the libretto of an opera and will have it performed first before his royal mother-in-law. He will be able to make a fortune out of it in New York by labeling it properly.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN may not have elevated the stage very much since he turned actor, but then the stage has not elevated John, either. The champion has been doing his own elevating, and he has been doing it well and often.

KAISER WILLIAM recently lunched with ex-Empress Eugenie, and it is now said that he proposes to abolish Sedan day as a German holiday. So long as he holds Alsace-Lorraine he can afford to be generous in small

SELECTED FRANKLY MENTION

WEISE MURDER CASE.

A New Hair Expert Gives Damaging Testimony. MARSHALLTOWN, Sept. 13.—A genuine sensation was sprung upon the Bennett-Weise murder case, now in hearing in the Marshall county courts. The state's attorney introduced a new hair expert, W. B. Darrow, of Chicago, a wig maker on Monroe street, who completely identified the hair taken from Anna Weise's hand as the hair from the head of Mrs. Bennett. The defense endeavored to break down the witness by minute cross-examination, but without avail. He claimed to identify the hair with his eyes blindfolded, and offered to submit to this test. In this case it is believed this is the turning point, and it certainly a hard blow to defendant. The presence of Mrs. Bennett at the scene of murder once established, the missing link of the chain of circumstantial evidence is obtained, and guilt of the party accused of the crime is fixed. Most ardent interest in the case is now renewed.

MYSTERY CLEARED.

Suicide of the Missing Seymour Wilson. CRESTON, Sept. 13.—Word has been received from Yakima Lodge, Wash., by W. D. Christy, father-in-law of Seymour Wilson, editor of the Shannon City Sun, who mysteriously disappeared two weeks ago, announcing that the young man had committed suicide at that place, and asking for further directions. This is the end that many of Mr. Wilson's friends anticipated. When Wilson left home he took with him most of his clothes, which was evidence that he did not intend to return. He left ostensibly for a business trip to Des Moines, and would not need all the clothing he took, and was still packing more in his satchel when his wife protested. Wilson was in debt some, but was doing a good business, and he must have been temporarily deranged to commit such an act.

STARVED HIMSELF.

He Thought the Lord Had Commanded Him Not to Eat. CLINTON, Sept. 12.—It has just come to light that Peter Hill, a farmer living two and a half miles west of Delmar, in Clinton county, died from starvation. Some time ago Mr. Hill, who was quite old and physically unable to work, commenced reading the bible a good deal, and found a passage somewhere in that book which he interpreted to mean that a man should not eat unless he worked. He then got the idea into his head that the Lord had commanded him not to eat, and thereafter refused all food, and literally starved himself to death. He was an industrious German, an old resident, and the father of a large family.

CAN'T GET STAMPS.

Dealers in Playing Cards Are in a Predicament. DAVENPORT, Sept. 13.—Revenue Collector Stackhouse reports having received 20,000 playing cards stamps from the government, and that the supply lasted about twenty minutes. The government is having trouble in furnishing the stamps fast enough. There are between 125,000 and 150,000 packs of cards in the Davenport district that will have to be stamped, so about six times as many stamps as have been received will yet be needed to supply the wants of the dealers.

WORKMAN KILLED.

A Large Box of Plate Glass Crashes His Life Out. STORX CITY, Sept. 13.—Edward Kenneth, a workman in the employ of the Fletcher-Hutchins company, was instantly killed while at work on the Martin block, which is being remodelled. A huge box of plate glass fell upon him and crushed him to death at once. He was married, but had no children.

HUNTING ACCIDENT.

Results in an Independence Young Man's Death. INDEPENDENCE, Sept. 12.—Frank Roads accidentally shot himself on returning from a hunting trip. He was dragging a gun from a wagon when it was discharged, the charge entering a leg above the knee and glancing upward, entering the bowels. He died within a few hours. He was 18 years old.

SUCIDED.

Because of Over-Indulgence in Strong Drink. CLINTON, Sept. 13.—George Kunzel committed suicide here by blowing out his brains. He was 61 years of age and the father of four children, three of whom live in Chicago and the other in Trenton, Mo. The act was prompted by over-indulgence in strong drink.

A Heavy Frost Reported From Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Sept. 11.—A heavy frost visited this vicinity last night. The weather yesterday was quite chilly and the night clear and cold. What damage the frost has done cannot yet be estimated.

FATAL SHOOTING.

INDIANOLA, Sept. 11.—A serious case of shooting occurred in this county near Liberty Center. T. P. Edgerton having fatally shot Willie Sandy. The boy, with others, was visiting Edgerton's melon patch, and Edgerton having discovered them went after them with a gun, and it is now said the boy will die. Edgerton is an old settler in the county and the boy belongs to a prominent and highly respected family. Edgerton is under bond in the sum of \$2,000 for his appearance at the preliminary hearing.

STATE FAIR.

Hard Luck Causes a Deficit of Probably \$15,000. DES MOINES, Sept. 8.—The fair has closed and the officials estimate that they will have to face a deficit of between \$12,000 and \$15,000. The fair itself was one of the best that the society has ever held, but counter attractions in the shape of racing, the circus, and monument day, and rain on Thursday and Friday were obstacles which could not be overcome and the society is again in the hole. The next legislature will probably make up the

CONDENSED ITEMS.

Des Moines Shoe Mfg. Co.'s brand of Ladies', Misses' and Children's shoes are made especially for Iowa trade. Patronize Iowa industries. Ask for them.

A 4-year-old son of Henry Baker, who resides south of Brooklyn was drowned in a slough well. The boy went with his grandfather to water cattle and accidentally fell into the well, from which the old gentleman was unable to rescue him. When assistance came and the body was taken out, life had departed.

It is said that there are serious discrepancies in the management of the Iowa Soldiers' Home, located in Marshalltown. There is a shortage of funds and the books are in bad shape. The adjutant and commandant of the home are both suspended pending further investigation. The commandant is prostrated.

A team ran away one day last week during the county fair at West Union and plucked into a carriage occupied by H. H. Beach, fracturing his skull and bringing every rib in his body. He died in less than an hour. Deceased was 79 years old and one of the pioneers of that section. In 1851, when the gold fever was at its height, he journeyed to California with Phil Armour, of Chicago, in a prairie schooner.

DES MOINES DISPATCH.

The rain on the 6th threatened to spoil the exercises of laying the corner stone of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, but the rain having ceased about 1 o'clock the procession formed and started at 1:40. In line were Col. D. B. Henderson, ex-Senator Harlan, Senator Gear, Governor Jackson and other prominent persons. Arriving at the site, Governor Jackson, as president of the day, called the assembly to order and Rev. B. F. W. Cozier offered prayer. After music by the Iowa State Band the ceremonies of the Masonic order for laying the corner stone were proceeded with. Senator Harlan then delivered an address, being followed by Gen. Geo. A. Newman, commander of the G. A. R., and Hon. Thomas Hedge of Burlington.

When seeking a school to train your children for business, or rather to give them a foundation on which to build their business career, the best will not be any too good. To our patrons we would unhesitatingly say that we are familiar with the methods used in the Davenport Business College, and also with the records of many of its former students, who are to be found in our legislative halls—in the supreme court—in the lower courts. Thirty-six of the cashiers, and sixteen of the assistant cashiers of banks in this state of Iowa are former students of this school—in fact we find them successful in every vocation in life. This is a record of which the school may well be proud, and one which, in choosing a school, should have its due weight in determining where you and your friends should patronize.

People over the country have been wondering ever since the Sioux City Athletic Club made the bid for the Jackson-Corbett fight how the club could pull it off and what was its financial backing. Twenty-five moneyed business men make up the membership and the \$25,000 offered is already up and \$100,000 more could easily be raised. The club, for a reason of its own, has never incorporated, but the leading man in the affair is E. L. Webster, manager of the Peavy Grand Opera House. James Tweigh, a capitalist of Dakota City, Nebraska, and W. H. Farnsworth, a prominent lawyer of Sioux City, are also leading lights in the movement. The three gentlemen now in Chicago are trying to secure Jackson's signature to articles of agreement. The place where it is proposed to pull off the fight is on an island in the Missouri river above the city, over which neither the states of Iowa, Nebraska nor South Dakota, which come together there, it is said, have any jurisdiction, it being a sort of no-man's-land.

A brutal assault was perpetrated at Grafton by three men upon John Barrack, a threshing man. His assailants were also threshers, and in that section the past month great rivalry has existed between the threshing crews engaged there. Barrack recently had his threshing engine blown up with dynamite. Barrack accused Otto Letzring, Lars Kettleton and Emil Hefner of stealing the fuse and powder from him with which the work was done. He was in a saloon at Grafton when the three men entered. They followed him when he departed and coming on him unawares pounded him unmercifully, leaving him unconscious on the street and battered almost to a jelly. The weapons they used make it evident that their purpose was murder, and they doubtless believed they left him dead when they ran off. One of them used a coupling pin, another a large club, and the third was armed with a wagon wrench. They are all under arrest and awaiting developments. The latest from Barrack is that he cannot live.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS.

CHINESE IN BAD SHAPE.

Troops in Corea Short of Provisions and Many Sick and Dying. LONDON, Sept. 13.—Reports from various sources say the Chinese troops in northern Corea are in a deplorable condition. The roads have been washed out so that they cannot move their munitions of war. They are short of provisions and cannot get enough and many are sick and dying. Provisions sent to them are hemmed in by floods and are spoiling. The commanders are inefficient and the armies discouraged. The Japs, in good shape, are pressing forward. It is said the Chinese are also in bad shape at sea.

According to Japanese advices, a treaty just signed by Japan and Corea provides for the independence of Corea; elimination of Chinese authority; binds Japan to carry on the war against China, both offensive and defensive, Corea to give its forces every facility in movements and furnish the necessary supplies, at reasonable rates; the treaty to last till peace is concluded between China and Japan.

OFFICERS ARRESTED.

Mississippi's Governor, Treasurer, and Auditor in Trouble. JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 12.—Warrants were served on Governor Stone, Auditor Stone and Treasurer Evans. William J. Burns, special agent of the secret service bureau at Washington, who has been here the past two months working up the case, made affidavits before Commissioner L. B. Mosely, charging them with violating section 1300 of the revised statutes of the United States in issuing \$300,000 of Mississippi special warrants charged with being in violation of United States currency. After the warrants had been served the defendants appeared before the commissioner and entered into personal recognizance of \$1,000 each for their appearance at the November term of the federal court, waiving examination. The state officers had been expecting the proceedings for several days and were not, therefore, all the least surprised. They appear not at all disturbed and are sanguine of a successful termination of the issue.

ADULTERATIONS.

Matter That Needs Legislative Attention. WASHINGTON, September 12.—Special Agent Wedderburn, of the agricultural department, has made a report on the adulteration of food, drugs and liquors. He finds that 15 per cent of all these articles are adulterated, of which 2 per cent is of a character injurious to health. He says the cost of food, drink and drugs to the people of the United States is \$6,750,000,000 per annum. The adulteration therefore amounts to \$1,000,000,000, and the deleterious adulteration to over \$135,000,000. He suggests as a remedy national legislation to prevent the transportation of misbranded poisonous or deleterious foods, drinks and drugs from one state to another, thus enabling repressive state legislation to become effective.

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NEBRASKA.

Northeastern Nebraska had a killing frost on the 11th.

The republicans of New Hampshire nominated Charles A. Busiel for governor.

Advices from Vermont state that the republicans carried the state election by about 26,000 to 30,000 majority.

The Court of Paris died in London on the 8th. He was one of the pretenders to the throne of France. He served in the recent United States civil war on the side of the union.

A Chicago dispatch announces that Jackson absolutely refuses to sign the articles for a fight with Corbett at Sioux City. He wanted to fight within three months instead of waiting until next May or June.

Emperor William of Germany, at the recent unveiling of the monument to his grandfather, Emperor William I., at Koenigsberg, said: "It was on this spot that King William openly stated before his subjects that he held the crown from God. This is also my own deepest conviction and has ever served me as a guide in all my actions."

At the Washington session the much-mooted German question was decided by the supreme lodge of Knights of Pythias by a decisive vote against permitting the use of the ritual in other than the English language. In committee of the whole the lodge approved the report of a committee on state of the order recommending that saloon-keepers, bar-tenders and professional gamblers be declared ineligible to membership.

Special Officer W. J. Burns, of the secret service bureau at Washington, called on Gov. Stone of Mississippi recently and demanded the steel plates from which \$20,000 of Mississippi special warrants were made. Gov. Stone replied that the plates were not in his possession, but in the custody of W. W. Stone, auditor of public accounts. He was satisfied the auditor would refuse the demand, and his action would be sustained by him. Officer Burns then called on the auditor and made the same demand, which was refused. Burns will now wait for orders from Washington before taking further action.

A dispatch to a news agency from Shanghai says it is stated there that a strong force of Japanese troops have occupied an island in Society bay, northwest of Port Arthur. The island is a base of operations. The Chinese were taken completely by surprise and consequently were able to offer no opposition or prevent the landing of large quantities of arms, ammunition, provisions, etc., which are being stored. Everything connected with the affair indicates the purpose of the Japanese to stand a siege if necessary until the force occupying the island shall have been reinforced sufficiently to justify an attack upon Port Arthur.

According to the dispatches, the sugar planters' convention in New Orleans was the most remarkable gathering in many years, and the first serious break in the democratic party is now actually threatened. The convention declared in favor of an alliance with the republican party, on national issues, and two and possibly three congressional districts, comprising the sugar region, are endangered to democrats. Probably 300 representative men were present at the convention, and as nearly all of them are men of wealth, with large influence, and with power to control considerable following, the action they have taken cannot be underestimated.

Senator Jones of Nevada, in a letter a few days ago to the chairman of the state central committee of Nevada announcing his withdrawal from the republican party and adherence to the populists, says that monetary reform is the greatest question now before the people and declares no such question can be settled except by the formation of a new party for the purpose. The opponents of silver showed the way when, regardless of party animosities, they temporarily threw aside party allegiance and voted unitedly for the repeal of the silver purchase clause of the Sherman act, so that he, while not abating his allegiance to the protective theories, proposes to sink everything in favor of silver for the time being.

Indianapolis dispatch: The flag of honor floats over the track of the Indianapolis Driving Club, and Robert J., the great son of Hartford, reigns supreme as the king of the turf. The match race for a purse of \$5,000 between Robert J. and Joe Patchen was expected to bring forth some phenomenal speed, but not one of the 10,000 people gathered at the track was prepared for the terrible smashing of record that began with the word "go." The day was all that could be desired and the track was perfect. The first heat was paced in 2:03 3/4, Robert J. winning and Patchen coming in a nose behind. The second heat was clipped off in 2:02 3/4, Patchen's time being 2:02 3/4; the third heat, 2:04 1/4, Patchen being a half length behind. The three heats averaged 2:03 3/8.

The secretary of the treasury having received official information that Canada imposes no export duty and no discriminating stumpage dues on lumber, logs, timber and other articles mentioned in the free lumber schedule of the new tariff act, has instructed the collectors of customs to admit such articles free of duty when imported from Canada.

The republicans of the Second congressional district of West Virginia nominated Alston Gordon Dayton for congress. He will oppose Chairman Wilson of the committee on ways and means.

The Winchester Repeating Arms Company of New Haven, Conn., has just shipped a million rounds of ammunition to China, and that country has asked bids for furnishing a billion rounds more.

The steamer Empress of Japan, recently arrived at Vancouver, brings the news that it is rumored in Japan that the Chinese are endeavoring to purchase a fleet of war vessels from Chile. The Yokohama Advertiser says half of the purchase price is paid and the fleet is now due.

In a race against time at Terre Haute, Alix tied the world's trotting record of 3:04 made by Nancy Hanks over the same track two years ago.

Governor Nelson, of the Minnesota state relief commission, is at Duluth arranging for the fire sufferers. It is in contemplation to turn the burned over country into farms. Representatives of the St. Paul & Duluth road offer to give farms free to all heads of families who do not own farms. The single men will be found work and the orphan children will be adopted.

A recent meeting of citizens of New York in opposition to Tammany appointed a committee of one hundred, with full power to co-operate with the other anti-Tammany organizations. Rev. Dr. Parkhurst has just returned from Europe. He says he has further and still more startling evidence to present against the political authorities. He declares that Tammany is responsible for corruption in the city administration.

1 Denver dispatch: Women took an active part in the primaries of the republicans which elected delegates to the county convention, which will elect delegates to the state convention, working in connection with the Business Men's League. They claim to have won a notable victory over the machine, the fruit of which, they say, the county committee is trying to rob them of by unseating regularly elected delegates. Warrants have been sworn out for some of the judges and committeemen, who are charged with fraud.

SUGAR TRUST PROFITS.

Estimated to Have Cleared \$28,000,000 During the Last Year. WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—A treasury expert estimates that the profits of the sugar trust for the last year amounted to 85 per cent of the amount of money actually invested in the trust. The profit amounts in dollars, according to this expert, to over \$28,000,000. In view of this immense profit, the story that a certain United States senator received in cash \$1,000,000 on condition of protecting the trust does not seem so absurd. It is not known that the story is true, but it is pretty well known that just before the sugar legislation began this senator was extremely hard up, and that when the passage of the senate schedule became known, he was in great financial straits than ever before. A proper estimate of the trust's profits, it is interesting to learn that no working capital was ever paid into the combine, but that \$10,000,000 had been borrowed for running the concern. The first dividend was paid in 1891 and amounted to 74 per cent. The 1892 dividend was equal to 150 per cent. The 1893 dividend was 165 per cent.

CAMPAIGN '06.

Ex-Speaker Reed Announced as a Candidate. AUGUSTA, Me., Sept. 12.—In an interview on the presidential nomination in 1896, Joseph Manley, of the state republican committee, said: "In the next republican national convention Tom Reed will be a candidate for the first place on the ticket. All New England will be solid for him, and the delegates from Maine will be for him in the convention first, last and all the time. In the last convention in 1892, Mr. Reed could have had the second place on the ticket as a gift, but he didn't care for it, and neither will he in 1896 accept the second place."

ELECTION RETURNS.

What the Final Returns From Vermont Show. RUTLAND, Vt., Sept. 11.—Returns from all the towns in the state show that the republican majority is 26,310 and plurality 28,356, a republican gain of 9,274, and a democratic loss of 4,963. The senate is a republican unit and the house stands: Republican, 233; democrats, 9; populists, 1.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 13.—The Sultan, deeply moved by the tragic details of the forest fires in Minnesota and Wisconsin, has given 300 Turkish pounds for the benefit of the sufferers.

NICOTINIZED NERVES.

The Tobacco Habit Quickly Broken and Nerve Force Restored—A Boon to Humanity. A number of our great and most inveterate tobacco smokers and chewers have quit the use of the filthy weed. The talismanic article that does the work is no-to-bac. The reform was started by Aaron Gorber, who was a confirmed slave for many years to the use of tobacco. He tried the use of no-to-bac, and to his great surprise and delight it cured him. Hon. C. W. Asheom, who had been smoking for sixty years, tried no-to-bac and it cured him. Col. Samuel Stoutener, who would eat up tobacco like a cow eats hay, tried this wonderful remedy, and even Samuel, after all his years of slavery, lost the desire. J. C. Cobler, Lesing Evans, Frank Deal, George H. May, C. O. Skillington, Hanson Robinson, Frank Hershberger, John Shinn and others have since tried no-to-bac and in every case they report, not only a cure of the tobacco habit, but a wonderful improvement in their general physical and mental condition. All of which goes to show that the use of tobacco had been injurious to them in more ways than one.—From the Press, Everett, Pa.

A hundred years ago the minut was a favorite dance in good society. General Washington, on at least two occasions, is recorded as having danced a minuet.

The lancets was the invention of Joseph Hart in 1819. The title page of his original edition of the music says it was published by the nobility and gentry at Tenby in 1819.

The polonaise is of Polish origin. In 1573 Henry III of Anjou was elected king of Poland, and among the ceremonies of his coronation was a stately march past the throne of all the nobility.

When a Russian family move they carry fire from the hearth in the old home to that in the new.

The bank of Japan has a capital of 20,000,000 yens. The value of the yen is about the same as that of the silver dollar.

A resident of Tuscaloosa county, Ala., is the father of eleven children, six being school teachers and the other five attending school.