

THE AMERICAN CENTENNIAL.

FRENCH PREPARATION FOR AN EXTENSIVE NATIONAL REPRESENTATION.

PARIS, April 27, 1875. M. de Lafayette, President of the French Commission for the Philadelphia Exhibition, states that...

Many deputations from the metal manufacturers, the principal wine growers of the Gironde and the merchants of Lyons have visited the committee and promised active co-operation.

SPAIN AND GERMANY.

ALFONSO'S OFFICERS TO SALUTE THE GERMAN FLAG. SANTANDER, April 27, 1875.

The last act in the settlement of the Gustav affair will be the saluting by the Spanish fortification at Getaria of the German flag.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, April 27, 1875. The weather throughout England to-day is fair.

PARLIAMENTARY GAIN FOR THE LIBERALS.

LONDON, April 28—4 P. M. The Marquis of Tavistock, a Liberal, has been elected to Parliament for Bedfordshire without opposition.

FROM FRANCE FOR DOVER.

PAUL BOYTON TO ATTEMPT TO SWIM FROM THE FRENCH COAST TO THE ENGLISH SHORE.

LONDON, April 27, 1875. Paul Boyton will make a second attempt to swim across the Channel. This time he will enter the water at Cape Grizelles, on the French coast, and pass for Dover.

A HEROIC BRAKEMAN.

A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT AVOIDED BY THE COOLNESS AND BRAVERY OF A RAILWAY EMPLOYEE—ONE OF THE IMMORTAL NAMES.

BOSTON, Mass., April 27, 1875.

George B. Granger, a brakeman on the Boston and Lowell Railroad, has earned a fame today which will live for generations. He was on duty on the inward Montreal express, and when between Wilmington and Woburn the coupling gave way between two of the cars on the forward part...

WHAT MAY HAPPEN.

Speaker McGuire in his speech also alluded to the fact that the Legislature had not yet adjourned, and intimated a rod in pickle for the Tammany Hall magnates.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

SENATE. ALBANY, April 27, 1875.

By Mr. BRADY—To amend the code of procedure relative to the jurisdiction of magistrates.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

WASHINGTON, April 27, 1875.

Lieutenant Samuel Beiden is detached from the Washington Navy Yard and placed on waiting orders; Lieutenant Charles M. Thomas has reported his return home, having been detached from the Dictator, and is placed on waiting orders.

A PLAGUE OF GNATS.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 27, 1875.

Planters are complaining greatly of an unprecedented destruction of mules, horses and cattle by the gnats. It is estimated that within the past ten days a million worth of stock has been killed by them within a radius of 100 miles taking this city as the centre of the circle.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC NOTES.

Miss Adah Richmond as Ahmed, at the Grand Opera House, has made a decided hit.

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY.

The following record will show the changes in the temperature for the past twenty-four hours, in comparison with the corresponding date of last year, as indicated by the thermometer at Hudson's Pharmacy, Herald Building—

1874. 1875.

3 A. M. 40 45

6 A. M. 40 45

9 A. M. 40 45

12 M. 40 45

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Average temperature for corresponding day last year, 45.

THE CENTENNIAL.

Ex-Governor Bigler, of Pennsylvania, Financial Agent of the Centennial Board of Finance, reports the following subscriptions to Centennial stock taken within a few days—in Boston, to the amount of \$1,000; in Buffalo, \$1,000; in Louisville, \$1,000; in New York City, \$1,000; in Jersey City, \$1,000.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

The "Responsible Majority" Again Demoralized.

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Important Discussion on the Canal Policy.

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WASHINGTON.

GENERAL WASHINGTON DISPATCH.

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IMPROVEMENT OF THE CHANNEL BETWEEN STATE ISLAND AND NEW JERSEY.

In accordance with section 3 of the act of March 3, 1875, a Board of Engineers, to consist of Colonel J. B. Towner, Lieutenant Colonel H. G. Wright, Lieutenant Colonel J. Newton, and Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Kurtz, has been ordered to meet in New York on the 15th day of May next, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to examine and report a plan for the improvement of the channel between State Island and New Jersey. Captain William H. Heer, of the Corps of Engineers, has been ordered to duty as recorder of the Board. The law under which the Board is appointed provides that they shall report at the next session of Congress a plan for the improvement.

PATMASTERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

The Attorney General having decided that the President had authority to fill the two vacancies in the Patent Office, the President has appointed T. Thornbury, of the Second Artillery, a brother of Congressman Thornbury, of Tennessee, and William M. Marnader, a son of General Marnader, to fill those vacancies.

THE "CHEROKEE STRIP" TO BE PLACED ON THE MARKET.

The Interior Department will shortly send out advertisements inviting proposals to purchase the so-called "Cherokee Strip," comprising 500,000 acres of Indian lands in Kansas, adjoining the Indian Territory. These lands will, under the act of Congress here passed, not exceed 160 acres to any one person and at not less than \$1.50 per acre for lands west of the Arkansas River, or \$2 per acre for the portion east of that river.

THE EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATIONS FOR THE GENERAL POSTAL UNION TREATY.

The Post Office Department is advised that the exchange of ratifications of the General Postal Union Treaty will be made at Bern, Switzerland, on the 30th prox. Each of the contracting countries will be represented by a delegate authorized to perform such exchange. Mr. Rubie, United States Minister to Switzerland, is the delegate on behalf of the United States.

PRESENTATION OF THE NEW RESIDENT MINISTER OF THE KING OF THE NETHERLANDS TO THE PRESIDENT.

The Chevalier Von Postel was to-day introduced to the President by the Secretary of State, and delivered his credentials as Minister Resident of His Majesty the King of the Netherlands. He made the following remarks on the occasion—

ADDRESS OF THE MINISTER.

Mr. President, I have the honor to deliver to Your Excellency the letters of the King, my august sovereign, which accredit me as his Minister Resident in the United States. I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the relations between our two countries, which so happily exist between the Netherlands and the United States, have traditionally united the people of our respective countries, and the Government of the United States, and the sentiments of mutual sympathy which have been the result of the friendly relations between our two countries, which so happily exist between the Netherlands and the United States, have traditionally united the people of our respective countries, and the Government of the United States, and the sentiments of mutual sympathy which have been the result of the friendly relations between our two countries, which so happily exist between the Netherlands and the United States, have traditionally united the people of our respective countries, and the Government of the United States, and the sentiments of mutual sympathy which have been the result of the friendly relations between our two countries, which so happily exist 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