

WASHINGTON NOTES. Two of the employees of the Pension Office who pensions were retiated have been officially requested to refund to the Government the extra money paid to them on account of such retiating.

It is the general impression of officials at the Navy Department that the board of survey recently ordered on the Osprey will report in favor of condemning the vessel.

A MEETING was held at Washington on the night of the 24th to prepare an organization for securing the World's Fair in that city.

CONSUL LEWIS, late of Tangier, has given his statement of the imprisonment affair to Secretary Blaine. No details of the hearing are published.

WILLIAM G. GREENMAN, brother of United States Circuit Judge W. Q. Greenham, has been appointed postmaster at St. Peter, Minn.

The annual report of the supervising inspector of steam vessels shows that during fifteen years past the number of steam vessels in the United States has increased from 8,885 to 6,725.

The requirements of the United States sinking fund for the present fiscal year, estimated at \$48,000,000, have been met by the bonds purchased on the 24th bringing the total of this fund up to the amount required by law.

ASSISTANT CHIEF SANDERS of the bureau of navigation of the Treasury Department, has been ordered to duty in connection with the international maritime conference.

The new Commissioner of Pensions made special his first pension case. It was the application of a lady ninety-three years old, the widow of a veteran of the war of 1812.

The State Department's estimates for 1897-98 aggregate about \$3,000,000. The principal new items are for new furniture for the department rooms.

THE EAST. Low water has inflicted much loss to manufacturers in New York. The cause was attributed to easterly winds blowing on the lakes.

Two young men were struck by an express train at Methuen, Mass., the other morning and instantly killed.

The Episcopal convention had a very heated discussion over a change in the marriage service making it read "they may abide together in love" instead of "in Thy love." The change was adopted.

The typhoid symptoms among the Yale students at New Haven, Conn., have increased uneasiness. Several men who showed mild symptoms of typhoid fever have been sent to their homes to recuperate.

The factions in the Polish Catholic Church at Plymouth, Pa., were in open hostilities recently. Guns were pointed at Bishop O'Hara, who attempted to take possession of the parsonage. In the melee Constable Melvin was killed.

The cable of a train of coal cars ascending Wilkesbarre, Pa., on the 23rd and broke the other day when near the top. The cars rushed to the bottom and were smashed. W. H. Adams, John Root and Hugh Ferguson were taken from the wreck alive, but fatally hurt.

FREDDY BARNWELL, a Pa. man, was hanged at Pottsville, Pa., recently for the murder of two women, which was committed while he was robbing a house.

The bulls made a raid on the oil market at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 23rd and ran the price up four cents. The market was closed.

EL RIO RITO, the celebrated two-year-old colt, was thought to be stricken with pneumonia at Westchester, N. Y.

MAX BOEHN and Chris Ficken were suffocated in bed at New York recently. The gas had been left to escape.

Auto repair shops at Castle Shannon, Pa., were destroyed by fire the other night, causing \$51,000 loss.

The following amounts were pledged to the New York World's Fair on the 24th: C. Vanderbilt, \$100,000; New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, \$100,000; Wagner Palace Car Company, \$50,000; Joseph Pulitzer, \$50,000.

The jury in the case of Assemblyman Smith of New York City, charged with bribery at elections, were unable to agree and were discharged.

The Episcopal convention adjourned sine die at New York on the 24th.

The will of the late E. G. Babbitt, the wealthy soap manufacturer of New York, has been probated. His widow is left the only home and \$400,000 cash in trust for their daughter Ida. Another daughter, Lilla E. Babbitt, is left \$500,000 cash and \$300,000 of New York Central & Hudson River railroad stock.

An autopsy report had on the body of William Burns, a saloon passenger on the steamer Honda, who died on the steamer's arrival at New York quarantine. It showed conclusively that Burns died of yellow fever.

JOHN B. MOOREHEAD, a millionaire of Philadelphia, is dead.

A SUSPECTED TASCOTT was arrested at Reading, Pa., on the 25th. The detectives were sure of their man.

At the instance of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Chung Lee, a Buffalo (N. Y.) laundryman, was arrested for abducting two little girls from their homes.

Two children were fatally injured at Franklin, Pa. They had found a dynamite bomb and were playing with it when it exploded. Eight other children were seriously hurt.

GRAVE damage and huge losses of cattle are reported from Western Montana owing to the drought of several weeks.

SIXTY-SIX hundred miners of the Columbus and Hocking Valley Coal Company of Ohio have struck for recognition of their progressive union.

MINERS from along the Yukon river in Alaska have elected a San Francisco agent who says that there is any truth in the recent reports of starvation in that section.

The striking switchmen of the Illinois Central railroad in Chicago have returned to work, their grievances having been settled.

The wheat growers of the Mississippi valley met in convention at St. Louis on the 23d.

HARRY M. LOEHR, the tax boomer of Bloomington, Ill., has been sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

HEAVY storms around Los Angeles, Cal., have inflicted considerable damage.

A DECISION of the Iowa Supreme Court extends the "nuisance" feature of the prohibition law over the property of the brewers at Burlington, valued at \$500,000, were therefore rendered valueless.

SEVERAL vessels went ashore in a bunch at Winnetka, Lake Michigan, the other night. The Evanston lifeboat went to the rescue of the lumberers at Burlington.

The large flouring mill of the L. C. Porter Milling Company at Winona, Minn., has been burned to the ground. The capacity of the mill was 1,450 barrels daily.

Loss, \$150,000, with fair insurance.

McNAMARA, an editor of Guthrie, Ok., was horsewhipped by a Mrs. Haines recently because of an offensive paragraph.

A FLOT to release prisoners at Sing Sing has been frustrated.

The recent death of Captain Michael, of Montague, Mich., was burned to death in his father's barn recently. The house was also consumed.

A FREIGHT engine running at full speed between Valparaiso and Haskell, Ind., exploded, blowing up the train. The engineer, John Hadden, was hurled from the cab over the tender against the first car. The wheels of the entire train cut his body to pieces.

Engineer Thomas Callahan, was scalded in a horrible manner.

The annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers at St. Louis, after the adoption of resolutions, elected the following officers: President, Hon. Norman J. Colman of Missouri; Vice-President, Hon. Norman J. Colman of Missouri; Secretary, W. L. Scott of Ala.; Treasurer, J. H. Murphy of Pa.; O. D. O'Neil of Minn.; D. B. Green of Ill.; J. T. McCaffrey of Ill.; Calvin Cole and George Gibson of Oregon; Walter N. Allen and ex-Governor C. Vanderhill of New York Central; J. Coates and D. A. Eppson of Indiana; N. O. Walker of Tennessee, and H. N. Sargent of Ohio.

GEORGE CURTIS and Charles Kimmick have been held for trial at Avondale, Wis., on the charge of being principals in a prize fight.

The strike of the switchmen at Evansville, Ind., has ended in the defeat of the men, many of whom have lost their places.

FIFTEEN farms near Ferguson Falls, Minn., have been devastated by prairie fires.

JUROR PAENDEBERT has issued warrants for the arrest of W. E. Kent and Thomas E. Downey, Chicago Fifth ward politicians, charged with procuring a change of names of election judges by false representations.

FIVE hundred Chicago tailors struck on the 24th.

The Supreme Court of Illinois has decided that a railway company allowing newstoyers on its cars is responsible for any damages that they may receive. This is the first time of its kind and is of great importance to railroad people.

The examination of witnesses in the Cronin case commenced at Chicago on the 24th.

FIRE at Port Clinton, O., the other night destroyed the lumber and of August Spies & Co. and other property. Loss, \$100,000.

GIANT powder was exploded in the bad of Oscar Steinberg, a sign painter, at Butte, Mont., while he was asleep the night and he was fatally injured. His wife and son were arrested for the crime.

A CONVENTION of persons interested in the mining industry has been called for Salt Lake City, Utah, November 10, to take steps for a change of ruling in regard to lead-silver ore if possible.

LEWIS A. BRACH, agent of the Cleveland & Marietta railway and of the American Express Company at Phillipsburg, O., has disappeared, leaving an unknown \$300,000.

THREE trainmen lost their lives in burning oil by a wreck and explosion on the Lake Erie & Western at Kokomo recently. Their awful fate was the work of unknown miscreants who placed an obstruction on the track.

CHARLES McCLAVIN, nineteen years old, murderer of Christian W. Luca, while committing burglary on the night of August 21-22 last, has been sentenced to death by electricity at Sing Sing prison in the city of New York on December 9.

At a Democratic meeting in Cincinnati recently Judge Thurman, while making a speech was overcome by weakness and had to abruptly close.

By the premature explosion of a cannon during a political meeting at Greenville, O., William Nevitt was blown fifty feet and fatally injured.

REBECCA DEER, dropped from a balloon at Wolverhampton, England, recently, making the wonderful performance of ascending 14,000 feet and successfully dropping from that great height holding to a parachute.

The Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia, uncle of the Czar, is dying from a cancerous trouble of the ear.

The Jesuit missionaries have been expelled from Uyanayembe, Zanibar, and their mission destroyed.

The miners of Belgium have demanded a 20 per cent increase in wages, with a strike as the alternative.

Eighty tenants are threatened with eviction at Falcarragh, County Donegal, Ireland.

CHARLES BRADLAUGH, the English radical and free thinker, was reported critically sick on the 23d.

The office of general manager of the Union Pacific has been abolished.

The German Reichstag was opened on the 23d.

The Government bonds supposed to have been stolen in the City of Mexico have turned up all right.

It is stated that Kosuth will be naturalized at St. Louis.

MR. GLADSTONE addressed a large gathering at Southampton, England, recently. He was sanguine of Liberal success, but did not outline any fresh policy.

COURT OKUMA, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Japan, upon whose life an attempt was made a few days ago, was more seriously wounded than was at first supposed. The wound, which was in the leg, assumed such a state that amputation was necessary.

It is stated at Shanghai that the collapse of the railway scheme is due to French insistence upon the enforcement of an article in an old treaty entitling France to supply the personnel and material for any Chinese railway.

An alliance between the Chicago & Northwestern and the Union Pacific systems. The C. & N. is under control of the Vanderbilt, and the report gave rise to considerable speculation.

The King of the Netherlands abdicated the title of King and Luxemburg in favor of the Duke of Nassau.

Four persons were burned to death by the burning of the steamer Quinto in the bay of Quintero, Canada.

RELIABLE news has been received by Captain Wisman concerning Emin Pasha and Henry M. Stanley, Bignon Casati and six Englishmen. They are all expected to arrive at Mtwapa at the latter part of November. Captain Wisman also says that he defeated a force of insurgents near Mtwapa on the 17th of the month.

ADMIRAL GILLIS reports from Montevideo that yellow fever is spreading in Brazil and is likely to give serious trouble during the coming summer.

An explosion of dynamite in Montreal, Can., the other night, resulted in one death and the serious injury of five other persons.

The Russian Government has offered prizes of 2,000 francs and a large gold and silver medal for the best essays on the part of John Howard on prison reforms, to be delivered at the fourth international prison congress in Russia next year.

LORD DERRY, in a speech at Liverpool, endorsed Mr. Gladstone's foreign policy.

The Parnell Commission recommenced at London on the 24th.

ADVANCES from Belle Isle and Labrador have continued.

EARTHQUAKE shocks were felt over a large part of Mexico the other day, but no damage was done.

The traders and manufacturers of England are up in arms against the unjust charges of the London Convention.

A CONSERVATIVE defeated the Home Rule candidate at Brighton, England. The vote was 7,192 to 4,621.

MISS WINNIE LEVIST, daughter of the Confederate President, will spend the winter in Europe.

BUSINESS failures (Dan's report) for the seven days ended October 24 numbered, including Canada, 228, compared with 254 the corresponding week last year.

The corresponding week in the fatal rioting on Nassau Island, West Indies, have been landed at Baltimore and jailed.

JAY GOULD thinks that the combination of railroads, as often mooted, is not at all practicable.

A party is reported to have taken place on the island of Savail between the forces of Malietoa and Tamasese. Which party won was not known.

MICHAEL DAVITT asserts that the Pigott forgeries were known to be forgeries by Mr. Houston and the English H. N. Cook was thrown from his buggy in a collision and sustained fatal injuries.

DEATH AT SEA.

Shipwrecked Sailors Swept Off the Masts.

Card Players Crushed to Death—Double Fatality at St. Paul—Etc.

NOFOLK, Va., Oct. 28.—The schooner George Simmons, of Camden, N. J., was wrecked off False Cape, thirty miles south of Cape Henry, in the storm last Wednesday night. When first seen, sunk in the breakers by the life savers Thursday morning, five men were lashed in the rigging. Since then one by one the doomed men have been swept away into the sea. Saturday night two men were left, but at sunset last evening only one was left, and undoubtedly he will share the fate of his shipmates. Life saving stations Nos. 4, 5 and 6 kept in readiness picked men watching an opportunity to go to the rescue, but the surf has run too high for the lifeboat to make an attempt at relief. A large three-masted schooner flying a flag of distress is ashore eight miles outside of Oregon inlet, while the schooner Lizzie S. Hays, lumber laden from Havana to Baltimore, has been wrecked on Bodie's Island. The captain and crew were saved, but five were drowned. Two of their bodies have been recovered and buried. The vessel is a total loss and the cargo is washing on the beach. The schooner A. E. Blakeman rolled over two miles out at sea. The captain, by the aid of cork jackets was saved, the remainder of the crew were lost.

SELMA, Ala., Oct. 28.—Fire broke out in Broad street in the center of the business portion of this city about two o'clock yesterday morning. The people were all asleep, and the flames had gained great headway before they were discovered. When the alarm was sounded and the engines had responded the water plugs for some time did not furnish sufficient pressure to reach the highest point where the fire was raging, and as a brisk wind was blowing the flames spread with great rapidity, and in a short while the entire block was in flames. The fire was extinguished by Gill's Hotel, a large brick structure on the corner of Broad and Alabama streets, which was filled with guests. By great exertion all were aroused while the building was in flames and made their escape, some barely getting out in safety in their night clothes. In two hours the entire block was consumed. Nothing was saved from Gill's Hotel or any of the stores. Proper pressure on the water mains was then secured, and enabled the firemen to check the flames, and by the aid of John Howard and his assistants the loss will foot up about \$200,000.

A SOMNAMBULIST. NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Mrs. Sarah Dean, aged forty-five years, a somnambulist, was found in the court yard at 544 Hudson street early yesterday morning in a dying condition and lived but a few hours after being removed to the hospital. She had evidently gone to a window while asleep and fallen to the ground. Her husband awoke about four o'clock and missed her from the bed, but did not ascertain her fate until she had been removed to the hospital. He found about \$500 in his shoes, evidently placed there by her before she left the room.

CARD PLAYERS KILLED SUDDELY. PITTSBURGH, Pa., Oct. 28.—While playing cards under a freight car on a siding at Irwin, thirty miles here, on the Pennsylvania railroad, at five o'clock yesterday afternoon, an engine backed up against the train of cars, crushing to death James Thompson, Thomas Thompson, Robert Robertson and Sampson Emmons, and fatally injuring Ben Stubbs.

DOUBLE FATALITY. ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 28.—A lodging house at 136 Edward street, West St. Paul, was burned last night and Mrs. Catherine Clifford, owner of the premises, was cremated. While going to the store on the night of the fire, H. N. Cook was thrown from his buggy in a collision and sustained fatal injuries.

CARBON WORKS DAMAGED. CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 28.—The National carbon works on Wilson avenue at the Lake Shore crossing were damaged by fire yesterday to the extent of between \$30,000 and \$40,000; insurance, \$45,000. This is the largest carbon plant in the world, and for a time it was feared the entire concern would be destroyed.

EPIDEMICS. LAWRENCE, Mass., Oct. 28.—Diphtheria and scarlet fever are alarmingly prevalent in this city. The priests in all the Catholic churches yesterday warned the people not to visit from house to house more than necessary. It is stated that no funerals of victims of these diseases will be allowed from churches.

ERIE, Pa., Oct. 28.—The whole business portion of Findlay's Lake was destroyed by fire yesterday. Citizens saved the residence portion by destroying buildings ahead of the fire. The loss aggregates \$40,000 with light insurance.

SCHOONER MISSING. BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 28.—The schooner Martha M. Hall which sailed from this port August 27, laden with coal for Boston, has been given up as lost. She has not been spoken since the gale about September 10.

—About forty years ago a German peddler disappeared from this neighborhood, and the condition of his horse and cart led to the belief that he had been murdered; but as the body could not be found, the suspicion could not be verified. About ten years afterward the bones of a human being were dug up near the point where the team of the peddler was found, by workmen while plowing the road. Rings found on the fingers engraved with the names of the peddler's wife served as a complete identification. Suspicion, which attached to several persons in the first instance, grew doubly strong as evidence in the shape of goods, known to have been owned by the German, was found. No action was taken, however, and the suspected man, a young and well-to-do farmer, sold out and left the country. His name was Alexander Greenough. He went to Canada, and after residing for some years near Cornwall, Quebec, he was driven out of the province by threats of arrest on a charge of counterfeiting. From Canada he went to Central America and from there to Chile. Recently he was taken ill and was expected to die. On his way he was supposed to have been murdered, and the murderer of the German, and pointed out where he buried the body. The spot corresponded with the location where the bones were found. Greenough did not die, and is under the surveillance of the Chilean authorities.—Woodville (Va.) Special.

MOUND CITY MONUMENT.

Old Soldiers March and Plumb and Anthony speak at the Unveiling at Mound City, Kan.

MOUND CITY, Kan., Oct. 28.—Over 1,000 old soldiers were in the city and marched through the streets in honor of the quarter-century of the battle here and the unveiling of the monument to the dead.

At two o'clock over five thousand people went to the cemetery north of the city to witness the unveiling of the monument, which is built of fine granite and is one of the finest in the State. It marks the resting place of fifty Union soldiers, most of whom lost their lives in the battle of Mine creek. The monument proper is eleven and one-half feet high, surmounted by the figure of a Union soldier six feet high. It is set upon a terrace of two and one-half feet high, making the monument from base to top twenty feet high. The size of the base is six and a half feet and its weight 25,000 pounds. It was built at a cost of \$2,500 with money raised by the government.

The unveiling ceremonies included addresses by Senator P. B. Plumb and ex-Governor George T. Anthony, occupying about two hours. W. O. Fuller, Jr., recited an original poem entitled "The Volunteer Soldier," which attracted forth long applause from the attentive audience. The services were read from the G. A. R. ritual, conducted by Post Commander A. W. Burton with Rev. T. Stephenson as chaplain.

A grand camp fire was held at the opera house last night. The Auditor Tim McCarthy presiding. Addresses were made by Senator Plumb, Noble L. Prentiss, Congressman E. P. Funston, Governor George T. Anthony, Colonel James D. Snoddy and others.

THE BODY IDENTIFIED.

The Prosecution in the Cronin Case Establishes the Identification of the Body.

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—When the taking of evidence in the Cronin case was resumed in the criminal court yesterday morning the prosecution continued the presentation of the present testimony. The body as to the identification of the body as that of Dr. Cronin. These were Nicholas Wallenber, wine and liquor merchant, and a friend of the dead doctor; T. T. Conklin, the man in whose family Cronin lived for two years; John F. Scanlan, a member of the Clan-na-Gael and an intimate friend and partner of Dr. Cronin; Frank Scanlan, brother of John F., and David P. Ahearne, a merchant tailor who made the doctor's clothes. The identification was very perfect and the only testimony.

Whatever doubts had existed regarding the fact that Dr. Cronin was killed within a short time after leaving the Conklin residence was set at rest by the testimony after the afternoon session when Dr. Egbert produced a number of jars containing the contents of the stomach of the murdered man. The food, he said, had scarcely commenced to digest and had been taken in the stomach less than three hours before death. The jury glanced at the contents of the jars, while the people in the court room turned their necks to get a look at the receptacles.

The witness minutely described the body. All the internal organs were in excellent condition and there was not the slightest evidence of disease, internal or external, although the brain and its covering were terribly decomposed.

BRADSTREET.

What the Mercantile Agency Has to Say For the Past Week.

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FARMERS IN COUNCIL.

The Wheat Growers' Convention Assembles in St. Louis—Walter N. Allen's Address—Organized by the Farmers.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 28.—The wheat growers of the Mississippi valley assembled in convention at Central Turner Hall in this city yesterday afternoon to organize for the future action of the government.

Walter N. Allen, president of the Farmers' Federation, called the convention to order and made quite a long speech. He said it was the first meeting of the kind ever held on this continent. "We are not here," he said, "for the purpose of denouncing trusts and combines, but to meet the issue of new systems and conditions in trade. Realizing our individual feebleness and the great importance of unity of action as a class, we have been called together to consider the proposition to delegate to a power of our own creation, the exclusive right to market the products of our farms, and to take such measures as will afford present relief and future protection to the agricultural interests of the Mississippi valley. The farmer is the only producer who sends an over supply of his wares to market to be sold by some one else, and like the goods of the bankrupt at some one else's price; and when he dares complain of the sacrifice, the answer of the master is over production. Over production can not, in justice, be wealth for the nation and slavery for the producer. If farmers would organize like manufacturers to control production and regulate the output in the public market, they could, in common with all producers, set the price on their own products, irrespective of over production or the power of the Liverpool market. The unavoidable tendency of the present established trade system is to bring the price down to the level of the cost of production on lands that produce only thirty fold.

"This will restore the natural law of exchange with equal and exact justice to all. In other words, the difference between the present trade system and the system proposed in the one tends to the minimum price that a food supply can be obtained without checking production, while the other seeks the maximum price that a food supply can be sold without checking consumption. The power to establish the value of one bushel of American wheat and one barrel of mutton can control the markets of the world. This power is to be found in the central agency of the food of the farmer of the Mississippi valley, a company legally chartered with a capital stock of \$20,000,000, and, as your servant, this company awaits your bidding to enter upon the work of redemption.

Ex-Governor Charles Robinson, of Kansas, was made temporary chairman, and he addressed the convention, strongly urging unity of action and organization of the farmers throughout all the grain growing States.

Hon. Norman J. Colman, of Missouri, ex-Secretary of Agriculture, was made permanent chairman; Walter N. Allen, of Kansas, vice-president; Z. G. Wilson, of Minnesota, secretary, and J. P. Limerick, of Kansas, assistant secretary.

Mr. Robert Lindholm, superintendent of the Missouri State fair, spoke briefly to the delegates, stating that he sympathized with them in their cause, which he thought was a good one.

BURKE INDICTED.

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