

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

CAPTAIN COUCH is endeavoring to reorganize his Oklahoma boom at Caldwell, Kas.

RETURNS indicate the election of Weaver, Republican, to succeed Shaw in the Illinois Legislature.

B. K. BRUCE, Register of the Treasury, has placed his resignation in the hands of Secretary Manning.

COLONEL OTTER's battle with the Indians in the Northwest created intense excitement at Ottawa.

O'DONOVAN ROSA says the acquittal of Dick Stork is a triumph of justice and a vindication of true Americanism.

DISPATCHES from Shanghai state that the dispute between China and Russia regarding the frontier of Manchuria has become acute.

It is semi-officially announced at Paris that Bismarck offered to arbitrate for the settlement of the dispute between Russia and England.

The London Times insists that the Government should persuade the Ameer of Afghanistan to permit an English garrison to occupy Herat.

SECRETARY WHITNEY and John Roach were in consultation at Washington on the subject, relative to the acceptance of the Dolphin by the Government.

The trans-Atlantic steamship companies are endeavoring to restore the rates of passage, which have been badly cut by sharp competition.

THERE are now two British war vessels at New York. The corvette Canada dropped anchor in the harbor on the 8th. The Strelak remains there too.

HARVEY M. MUNSELL, one of the jurors in the Short trial in New York, has been arrested for contempt of court and perjury in connection with the case.

EARL GRANVILLE stated in the British House of Lords on the 4th that England and Russia had agreed to renew negotiations in reference to the Afghan frontier.

The London Times says the Afghan affair has been mismanaged, but the opposition should rely on the coming election to square accounts with the Administration.

GROSS frauds are said to have been discovered in the Thirty-fourth Representative District in Illinois, which will be looked into before Mr. Shaw's successor is seated.

PORTAZAR and Cocobolo, Lieutenants of the Colombian rebel, Preston, and who were the leaders in the burning of Colon, have been executed after a trial by court-martial.

VETERANS of the Army of the Potomac took a trip on Chesapeake Bay on the 7th during a tremendous rainstorm, and wound up with a grand banquet in the evening.

PRINCESS BEATRICE is to be married soon to Prince Henry of Battenberg. The British House of Commons has been informed that she expects the usual marriage dowry.

ICE from a quarter to three-quarters of an inch thick was reported in Wisconsin and Iowa the night of the 7th, and snow in Minnesota. Much damage to small fruits is feared.

The British Government has advised a cessation of the chartering of ships of small pattern for transport service. This is believed to foreshadow a stoppage of all war preparations.

A NEW YORK physician just returned from the West expressed surprise at the great number of "drug stores" in Kansas. He also found "doctors" as thick as blackberries on a hillside.

The man charged with the murder of the Italian shipper, at St. Louis, Pa., was found to be a very interesting character. It is believed the officers have secured the right man.

GENERAL GRANT treated his family and household to another surprise on the 5th by the marked change in his condition from the previous day. Dr. Douglas said: "It is simply wonderful."

It begins to look as if the late affair between Colonel Oter and Mr. Poundmaker in the Northwest was a bad one for the Canadian soldiers. Reinforcements are urgently called for.

REPORTS received from the Cameroons country show that peace has been restored there. The murderers of Herr Pantanus, the agent of several Hamburg firms, have been tried, convicted and shot.

The London Morning Post asserts that Earl Duff has resigned as Viceroy of India in consequence of the disastrous effect upon British prestige in India of Mr. Gladstone's weak and timorous policy.

THOMAS SEXTON, Hon. ex-Ruler member of the British Parliament from County Sligo, Ireland, has placed on the notice paper of the House of Commons a question as to whether the English Government has interfered with the appointment of Mr. Kelley, United States Minister to Austria.

UNITED STATES TREASURER JORDON says the treasury count is practically over, and everything found most satisfactory. Three silver dollars which escaped from a broken package in the silver vault have been found, so the only discrepancy is 2 cents, missing, from a \$5 package of pennies in the cash room.

A DISPATCH received by the Chief of Police at St. Louis, Mo., early on the morning of the 6th, from Auckland, New Zealand, announced the capture, on the steamer City of Sidney, of Walter Lennox Maxwell, the alleged murderer of C. Arthur Freiler, whose body was found packed in a trunk owned by Maxwell and 1 ft. in the room occupied by him at the Southern Hotel, St. Louis. Immediate steps will be taken for Maxwell's extradition.

In overhaul the Treasury vaults a heavy, square box, wrapped in red tape and securely bound, was found in an out-of-way corner of the vault and the key made.

A locksmith opened the box and was found to contain bottles of diamonds, bottle pearls, bottle otter roes and lump gold. One of the older employees identified the articles as presents to President Monroe about the year 1821 from the Japanese Government, and which had been stored in the Treasury pending the passage of an act by Congress authorizing their acceptance. Congress failed to legislate on the subject, and the articles were deposited in the Treasury, where they have remained ever since.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

THE cholera is spreading in the provinces of Spain. Valencia, Alondia, Cienara and other villages are surrounded by cordons of gendarmes.

THE Boston (Mass.) Nail Association voted on the 5th to petition the Eastern and Philadelphia Nail Associations in stopping the production during two weeks in May and June.

THE body of one Japanese was found in the ruins of the Japanese village exhibition burned in London, Eng., on the 3d.

HON. E. J. PHELPS, Minister to England, sailed on the 6th.

CHINA is utilizing Europeans for work in her coal mines.

THE revised version of the Old Testament will be given to the public at London May 19th.

MEMBERS of the Society of the Army of the Potomac held a reunion at Baltimore, Md., on the 6th. The next reunion will be held in San Francisco, Cal.

THE Russian Minister of the Interior is said to be so melancholy that it is feared he will die.

EDWARD WOOD was killed by lightning at Berlin Springs, Mich., on the 6th.

JOHN ROACH, Mich., was weakened. He will give the Dolphin another trial trip—a six hours' run on the Sound.

It is reported that Austria objects to Mr. Kelley as United States Minister to Vienna.

A MAN named Hunter was robbed of \$2,200 by highwaymen near Juneau, Wis., on the 6th.

DR. NACHTAGEL, the dead German explorer, was buried at Bassam, west coast of Africa.

GEORGE W. TUFF, of Melville, N. Y., hanged himself on the 6th because of his wife's illness.

THE Spanish Minister of the Interior wanted to resign on account of the result of the election in Washington.

SEVERAL more bodies were recovered on the 6th from the ruins of the buildings recently burned in Brooklyn.

WEDNESDAY, the 6th, was Illinois Day at the World's Fair. Rain interfered with the observance.

THE London Times complains of the reluctance of the Government regarding Afghan affairs.

THE will of the late Commodore Garrison was filed in the Surrogate's office in New York on the 6th.

GEORGE WEST, son of Senator West, of Missouri, goes abroad to look into the condition and needs of European consulates.

AN arbitrator has not yet been selected by Russia and England. The King of Belgium is spoken of. The King of Denmark is willing to act.

THE verdict in the case of Richard Stork, on trial in New York for stabbing Captain Friel, was "not guilty."

IRVING D. DONNELLY does not want to succeed Cardinal McCabe in the Dublin Archbishopric.

THE referee has reported in favor of plaintiff in the divorce suit of Harry Brahm vs. "Lillian Russell."

THE will of Sir Peter Lumsden has created a feeling of uneasiness at London as it is reported that he has resigned.

ROBBERS shot Grant Brink, near Fifeeld, Ia., on the 6th, and, after ransacking his house, fired it. Brink crawled out and is still alive.

MR. LOWELL was presented with an illuminated address on his departure from the post of American Minister to England.

A GREAT rush has commenced toward the newly discovered silver fields of the Rosa Mountains, in Mexico, about the richness of which wonderful stories are still afloat.

QUEEN VICTORIA has sent a letter of thanks to the Canadian voyageurs for their services in Egypt; also a request that they do not visit Windsor Castle, as she is informed there is small-pox among them.

AFTER two years, the murderers of the King of France, near Hickman, Ky., have been found. A negro with several names has been arrested, and made a confession.

COMMISSIONER COLMAN has called a convention of representatives of State Agricultural Colleges to meet at Washington, D. C., on the 20th.

DAVIS, who eloped from Flint City, Mich., with a young girl, and was caught in St. Louis, has been released. His wife and the girl both refused to appear as witnesses.

A NEW rule has been adopted by the directors of the St. Louis Merchants' Exchange to be submitted to the members, the effect of which is to deprive the buck-stops of market quotations.

THE New York Central & Hudson River Railway grain elevator at West Sixty-second street, New York, fell on the 6th. The loss is \$10,000. Nobody hurt.

A FIRE at Jamestown, Dak., on the 6th, destroyed the south half of the block from the Grand Central Hotel to Sixth avenue. Loss estimated at \$5,000; insurance light.

THE Treasury Department on the 6th purchased 265,000 ounces of silver for the New Orleans and Philadelphia mints.

MINISTER KELLEY sailed for Austria on the 6th.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Mrs. Annie Manning, the mother of four children, committed suicide in St. Louis a few nights ago, by taking a dose of Rough on Rats. The reason given for the attempt was that her husband had been drinking heavily of late, and she grew dependent.

An unknown man was run over by a freight train on the East levee at Kansas City a few nights ago and killed. He was wearing a hat and was not discovered until the train was upon him. The top of his skull was taken off, both legs mashed, his back broken and a horrible cut extended across his abdomen, from which the intestines protruded.

An American-born German, twenty-one years of age, named Henry Ludwig, living with his parents in St. Louis, visited a club-room and committed a sensation by committing suicide. He endeavored to enjoy himself, but failing in his effort and becoming despondent he drew a revolver from his pocket and shot himself in the right temple. He fell to the floor after firing the shot and expired almost instantly.

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GENERAL GRANT'S CASE.

Dr. Shradley's Review of the Case in the Medical Review Affords But Little Assurance in the Direction of Recovery.

New York, May 8.—Dr. George W. Shradley, in the Medical Record of May 9th, will say of the condition of General Grant: "During the past week General Grant's bodily health has much improved, and he has been enabled to enjoy short drives in Central Park, to walk short distances out of doors, and do a considerable amount of literary work on his forthcoming memoirs. His appetite is better. He has relish for his food and his swallowing is not attended with much pain. Locally, his disease shows a slight tendency to progress. The sloughy exudation has disappeared, exposing exuberant fungoid granulation in its place. This condition still involves the right and posterior parts of the pharynx, the right tonsillar region, and the right side of the base of the tongue. The palatal curtain is still considerably infiltrated, although all signs of acute inflammatory trouble have disappeared. At the base of the uvula, on the right side, a small fungoid excrescence has developed, which has shown a disposition to extend. On the free margin of the palatal curtain midway between the uvula and the right tonsillar region, a similar growth of very small size has also appeared. The ulceration at the base of the right anterior facial pillar, and along the side of the tongue, presents a worrisome surface indicating an extension of the destructive process. The breathing is free and the voice is clear, but the movements of the tongue are somewhat restricted, affecting articulation according. The enlarged glands under and around the right angle of the lower jaw are somewhat harder, but the inflammation is quite firmly fixed. There is, however, less pain in the diseased parts than formerly, and the secretion of mucus is less abundant. The patient is a full night's sleep with a minimum amount of morphia, and awakes in the morning feeling much refreshed. Despite this favorable general condition, there have been several changes in the local disease to warrant any modification of the original diagnosis of the members of the medical staff.

Dr. Shradley is a consulting physician in the case of General Grant.

THE TIE BROKEN.

The Democrats in the Thirty-fourth Illinois District Caught Napping, and Late J. Henry Shaw Succeeded by a Republican—How It Was Done.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., May 7.—A sensation was caused last night and to-day by the announcement that the Republicans had resorted to a clever trick to break the dead-lock in the Legislature by gaining a majority. An election was held yesterday in the Thirty-fourth District to elect a successor to the late J. Henry Shaw, Democrat. The returns from the election are meagre, but it is claimed the Republicans have carried the election. The district is overwhelmingly Democratic, and it was announced that the Republicans would put up no candidate. This kept most of the Democrats away from the polls, but at 5 p. m. the Republicans nominated W. A. Weaver, and having organized for the purpose, attempted to carry his election with a rush. The Democrats are very much excited. The secret of the scheme was known to four men in Springfield—namely General Logan, Representative Rogers, of Jackson County, Daniel Shepard and Jacob Wheeler. Not was it divulged until about seven o'clock last evening.

Senator Darnell, from the district, greeted prominent Democrats that the Republicans had carried the election. He was disappointed, but he said that the four committees in the district is Democratic. The Democratic members are disheartened.

THE TIE BROKEN.

FIERCE FLAMES.

Forty-five Million Feet of Lumber in One Big Bonfire at Chicago—A Desperate Fight by the Fire Department—Losses Nearly \$1,500,000.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 9.—For more than eight hours yesterday the entire Fire Department of Chicago, two hundred fire engines and a thousand of her citizens fought and struggled with one of the most stubborn conflagrations which the city has seen since the memorable fire of 1871. The scene was the immense lumber district which outlies the southwestern outskirts six miles from the City Hall and less than a mile from the Stock yards. Here, lying on either side of the Chicago River, is, or rather was, a vast field of pine lumber, skirting the river front, extending back for several blocks, piled in stacks from forty to fifty feet high, and averaging forty thousand feet to the stack.

At half past twelve o'clock a workman rushed into the offices of the Chicago Lumber Company on the west side of the river, and announced between his gasps for breath, that there was a fire in alley twenty-eight. An alarm was at once sounded, but ten minutes later, when the first engines arrived on the spot, a half million feet of lumber was in flames. A second and a third alarm was sounded, and the entire force of the street-cleaning department was ordered to the scene, but the inflammable nature of the material had placed the flames beyond control. To make matters worse, a scow which had been moored in the river took fire, broke her fastenings, was swept across the stream, and communicated the flames to the extensive yards of G. W. Hinckley & Co., Bigelow Bros., Adams, Hastings & Co., Twenty-seventh street, one behind the other, on either bank poured copious streams of water upon the blazing lumber, but the water was so ignited with grease, and oil from the factories above that it fed, rather than quenched the flames. The wind was blowing a hurricane, the heat was terrible, and the immense volumes of black smoke blinded and suffocated the firemen and retarded their efforts. The fire continued to spread in a southerly direction, and it covered a district of a half moon shape about half a mile from one end to the other and a quarter of a mile deep in the center. All this territory was ablaze, and as one pile after another collapsed and those in the rear took fire, throwing tongues of flame high in the air, the scene resembled a vomiting volcano with a vast landscape of fire stretched out beneath it.

The firemen, headed for a time by Mayor Harrison, worked with might and main, but they were driven back, yard by yard, and in many cases so rapidly had the retreat to be made that engines and hoses were left behind.

Large pieces of burning lumber were carried by the wind a distance of half a mile to the street, where they were piled up. The firemen, however, were not discouraged, and they were driven back, yard by yard, and in many cases so rapidly had the retreat to be made that engines and hoses were left behind.

At nine o'clock last night the fire was reported as under control. Several firemen were prostrated by heat or injured by falling lumber, and those in the rear took fire, throwing tongues of flame high in the air, the scene resembled a vomiting volcano with a vast landscape of fire stretched out beneath it.

A partial list of the sufferers with losses estimated, is as follows: Chicago Lumber Company, 26,000,000 feet, \$450,000 to \$500,000; insurance, \$300,000; Bigelow Bros., 10,000,000 feet, \$160,000; insurance, \$125,000; Adams Hastings & Co., 8,000,000 feet, \$130,000; insurance, \$80,000; G. W. Hinckley & Co., planing mill and lumber, \$26,000; insurance, \$12,000; Five dwellinghouses, \$6,000; insured. Other estimates placed at \$1,500,000. It is noteworthy that this is the first occasion upon which the entire fire department has been called out since 1874.

HIS CONDUCT APPROVED.

Commander Kane's Conduct at the Isthmus of Panama Approved by a Court of Inquiry. Approved by Admiral Joutet and the Navy Department.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The Court of Inquiry, appointed by Rear Admiral Joutet to investigate the conduct of Commander Theodore F. Kane, of the Galena, reported as follows: "The American flag was insulted, as alleged, by the seizure of the steamer Galena, and the forcible arrest and imprisonment of a number of American citizens, including an officer of the United States Navy and Mr. Robert K. Wright, Jr., United States Consul at Aspinwall, which, however, we find to have been done on the 30th day of March, under forces which, in our opinion were not revolutionary, but were part of an armed mob acting in the name of the President, and the conduct of the Galena, as alleged, by the seizure of the steamer Galena, and the forcible arrest and imprisonment of a number of American citizens, including an officer of the United States Navy and Mr. Robert K. Wright, Jr., United States Consul at Aspinwall, which, however, we find to have been done on the 30th day of March, under forces which, in our opinion were not revolutionary, but were part of an armed mob acting in the name of the President, and the conduct of the Galena, as alleged, by the seizure of the steamer Galena, and the forcible arrest and imprisonment of a number of American citizens, including an officer of the United States Navy and Mr. Robert K. Wright, Jr., United States Consul at Aspinwall, which, however, we find to have been done on the 30th day of March, under forces which, in our opinion were not revolutionary, but were part of an armed mob acting in the name of the President, and the conduct of the Galena, as alleged, by the seizure of the steamer Galena, and the forcible arrest and imprisonment of a number of American citizens, including an officer of the United States Navy and Mr. Robert K. Wright, Jr., United States Consul at Aspinwall, which, however, we find to have been done on the 30th day of March, under forces which, in our opinion were not revolutionary, but were part of an armed mob acting in the name of the President, and the conduct of the Galena, as alleged, by the seizure of the steamer Galena, and the forcible arrest and imprisonment of a number of American citizens, including an officer of the United States Navy and Mr. Robert K. Wright, Jr., United States Consul at Aspinwall, which, however, we find to have been done on the 30th day of March, under forces which, in our opinion were not revolutionary, but were part of an armed mob acting in the name of the President, and the conduct of the Galena, as alleged, by the seizure of the steamer Galena, and the forcible arrest and imprisonment of a number of American citizens, including an officer of the United States Navy and Mr. Robert K. Wright, Jr., United States Consul at Aspinwall, which, however, we find to have been done on the 30th day of March, under forces which, in our opinion were not revolutionary, but were part of an armed mob acting in the name of the President, and the conduct of the Galena, as alleged, by the seizure of the steamer Galena, and the forcible arrest and imprisonment of a number of American citizens, including an officer of the United States Navy and Mr. Robert K. Wright, Jr., United States Consul at Aspinwall, which, however, we find to have been done on the 30th day of March, under forces which, in our opinion were not revolutionary, but were part of an armed mob acting in the name of the President, and the conduct of the Galena, as alleged, by the seizure of the steamer Galena, and the forcible arrest and imprisonment of a number of American citizens, including an officer of the United States Navy and Mr. Robert K. Wright, Jr., United States Consul at Aspinwall, which, however, we find to have been done on the 30th day of March, under forces which, in our opinion were not revolutionary, but were part of an armed mob acting in the name of the President, and the conduct of the Galena, as alleged, by the seizure of the steamer Galena, and the forcible arrest and imprisonment of a number of American citizens, including an officer of the United States Navy and Mr. Robert K. Wright, Jr., United States Consul at Aspinwall, which, however, we find to have been done on the 30th day of March, under forces which, in our opinion were not revolutionary, but were part of an armed mob acting in the name of the President, and the conduct of the Galena, as alleged, by the seizure of the steamer Galena, and the forcible arrest and imprisonment of a number of American citizens, including an officer of the United States Navy and Mr. Robert K. Wright, Jr., United States Consul at Aspinwall, which, however, we find to have been done on the 30th day of March, under forces which, in our opinion were not revolutionary, but were part of an armed mob acting in the name of the President, and the conduct of the Galena, as alleged,