

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

SYMPATHY for Louis Riel at Quebec has taken the shape of a defense fund.

CHOLERA has crossed the Spanish frontier into the French department of the Aube.

LORD SALISBURY declares himself opposed to the disestablishment of the Scottish Church.

It is understood that the Attorney-General has decided that the Government is bound to accept the Dolphin.

The Mexican Consul at San Francisco denies that there is any scheme to sell Mexican territory to the United States.

SECRETARY MANNING has decided that the employment of convict labor is not a valid objection to a Government contractor.

JAMES G. WINTERMITH, door-keeper of the House of Representatives, is dying. He has been ill since the adjournment of Congress.

GENERAL DE COURCY informs the Government at Paris that the Anamite troops at Hue have disbanded and surrendered their arms to him.

DURING the storm in Madison, Wis., the night of the 8th the spire was blown from the Presbyterian Church, and Colonel Vilas' residence was unroofed.

The State Department has made eighty-seven appointments of Ministers, Consuls, commercial agents and secretaries of legation and has dispensed with two clerks.

BISMARCK is preparing a law to exclude foreign-born heirs from the right of succession to German thrones. The Duchy of Brunswick contest has alarmed him.

The total number of new cases of cholera reported from all points in Spain on the 9th was 149, and deaths, 63. The disease is rapidly decreasing at Aranjuez.

VICE-PRESIDENT HENDRICKS left Washington for home on the 9th, and expects to start early in August for a trip to the Pacific coast, where he will stay some weeks.

NOT to be outdone by London, several cities of the United States are striving to come to the front with exhibitions of wickedness similar to that exposed by the Fall Mail Gazette.

AYOUB KHAN is still confined in the citadel at Tehran. He receives many visits from the Persian Ministers. He thinks war between England and Russia inevitable within five years.

UNITED STATES CONSUL MASON at Marselles has informed the Department of State that cholera has again appeared in that city and in Toulon. A general exodus from Marselles had begun.

ELEVEN thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven pieces of registered matter were handled on the 7th in the Washington Post-office, the heaviest day's business in the history of the office.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has tendered the Liberian mission to Rev. Dr. G. W. Bryant, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Nashville, Tenn. Bryant has not yet made up his mind to accept.

JUDGE CHENOWETH, on behalf of a number of Texas ex-Confederate soldiers, on the 8th presented General Rosecrans with a pistol captured by the Texans in a raid on his baggage train in the summer of 1864.

The Secretary of the Navy has appointed a board to examine the present force of navy-yard shops and applicants for such position, with a view to determining the efficiency of the incumbents and making changes where it is necessary.

It is understood that the resignations of the Deputy Comptroller of the Treasury and of the officials of that bureau who have the civil service grades have been tendered to Secretary Manning, by request, but are not likely to be acted upon for some time.

The Fall Mail Gazette's publications on the subject of "The Traffic in Young Girls" has attracted the attention of the British House of Commons, and a move is made to be made to criminally prosecute the authors and publishers of the sensational articles.

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PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

SIR HENRY DRUMMOND WOLFF'S mission to Egypt is to be the subject of discussion in the House of Commons.

THE Spanish Tampus Patriarcal Circle, L. O. F., convened in St. Paul, Minn., on the 8th. Three thousand delegates and visitors were present.

The engine and baggage car of an Ohio Central passenger train left the track at Bucyrus, O., on the 7th. The engine escaped by jumping, but the fireman, Wesley Craig, was caught under the locomotive and killed. No one else was hurt.

A DISPATCH was received at the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs on the 7th from Inspector Armstrong, reporting that some of the Cheyennes have broken away from the reservation and gone into the Pan-handle of Texas.

LEVI J. NORTH, one of the oldest and most widely known circus riders in the world, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., on the 7th, from a cold contracted a few days ago while attending the funeral of Frank Pastor, brother of Tony Pastor.

LEUTENANT-COMMANDER NICHOLS, commanding the Flota, has reported to the Navy Department the arrival of that vessel at Sitka, June 23. He says that the Indian Kieq, who murdered his wife, has been tried by the District Court, and sentenced to ten years imprisonment.

The Secretary of the Treasury, at the Cabinet meeting on the 7th submitted a question as to his authority to institute a thorough and comprehensive investigation of the Custom-houses, sub-Treasuries, and branches of the department, with a view of preventing a repetition of the frauds recently perpetrated at the New Orleans sub-Treasury.

STREET car travel has been resumed in Chicago.

The striking mill men at Bay City, Mich., according to reports of the 8th, had become turbulent.

The Western Nail Association held a meeting at Cincinnati on the 8th.

STREET sales of the Fall Mail Gazette in London, have suppressed on account of the sensational articles recently published.

ADMIRAL MIOT, in Madagascar, telegraphs the French Government for help.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is going to New York for a vacation.

TOM BALLARD has been convicted of murder in the first degree at Omaha.

BERLIN bankers say Germany cannot successfully negotiate a loan for less than four per cent.

The court-martial to try Postmaster-General Smith convened at Washington on the 8th, and adjourned until the 13th.

FIRE destroyed a great tannery and glue factory at Bermondsey, a suburb of London, on the 8th. Loss, \$300,000.

TALLMADGE of Milwaukee, now estimates the wheat crop of the country at 331,000,000 bushels.

At Howden, in Warwick County, Ind., on the 8th, Mrs. Rogers killed herself and her two children by the use of a gas.

OHIO Republican campaign managers are in Washington after money.

REPORTS from Hue show the French to occupy almost masters of the situation in Annam.

CRITICISM on the Government caused the confiscation of the 8th issue of two Vienna newspapers on the 8th.

SAMUEL A. ROBINSON, formerly of St. Louis, has been appointed to be the Commissioner for the District of Columbia.

A CIRCULAR issued by Premier Salisbury urges the powers to ratify the Egyptian financial convention.

A REVENUE raid into Kansas appears to have been about three-fourths successful and the rest imagination. Scouts report they can find no Indians off the reservation.

MAUD S. will trot at Cleveland, and try to beat the record.

At Cleveland, O., on the 8th, many sensational rumors were afloat as to the intention of the strikers, and the police and militia were "resting on their arms."

In monetary expectation of bloody work, the President has suspended Mark L. Blunt, Register, and Michael H. Fitch, Receiver of the land office at Pueblo, Col.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the International Bill Posters' Association of North America began in Chicago on the 8th. Representatives from every city in the association were present.

HARRIET MOORE, a middle-aged San Francisco widow, has commenced a breach of promise suit for \$225,000 against the late Riel.

A BOLLER in Platt & Bentley's shingle mill, three miles from Tusville, Pa., exploded on the 8th, instantly killing the foreman, Elliott Alcorn, and seriously cutting and scalding Jacob Miller, Wm. Longworthy and A. W. Massier.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

ST. LOUIS offers as summer entertainment two fine Opera Companies—Ford's at Ulrich's Cave and Thomas' at Schnalder's Garden, and the panorama of the Siege of Fort Mifflin.

DAVID SLINKER is in jail at Jackson, charged with brutally assaulting Mrs. Murphy.

ROBERT MORRIS was killed by lightning at Fort Popham, Me., on the 10th.

INVESTIGATION shows there is no cholera in France.

The cranberry fields in New Jersey have been seriously injured by fire.

MINISTER BORD WINGSTERN arrived at Berno, Switzerland, on the 10th.

HARSHIAN flies are creating sad havoc in the wheat fields in New York.

MADRID people are hopeful of entirely escaping the cholera.

SEVERAL cases of sporadic cholera were reported at Toledo, O., on the 10th.

A NEW ship canal is proposed from the Caspian Sea to Michael's Bay.

DANIEL CARNES and Reuben Miller fatally shot each other at Scipio, Ind., on the 10th.

It has been decided to build a metropolitan underground railway in Paris.

The session of the Supreme Temple of Odd-Fellows, at St. Paul, Minn., closed on the 10th.

At Black Rock, Ireland, on the 10th, during a band performance, the British flag was pulled down and the green flag hoisted.

The Board of Health at New Orleans denies that there is any yellow fever there.

The French Government will maintain and educate the seventh child in each poor family.

GENERAL SHERIDAN started on the 10th for the seat of reported Indian troubles in Kansas.

HENRY DE REUSS, German Ambassador to Vienna, accepts the regency of the Duchy of Brunswick.

GEORGE KOERNER was run over by an engine on the Belt Road, Indianapolis, Ind., on the 10th.

The Agricultural Department at Washington estimates the wheat crop at 363,000,000 bushels.

NEGOTIATIONS between Spain and the United States on the commercial treaty have been suspended.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has declined an invitation to attend the opening of Niagara Falls Park.

CARDINAL MANNING, at London, has accepted the offer of the Fall Mail Gazette to examine its proofs of recent charges.

REPORTS from all over the South received by Bradstreet's show the cotton crop in very good condition.

W. H. PUDNEY, the aged sexton of St. George's church, New York, was sentenced on the 10th to twenty years in the Penitentiary for an assault on two little girls.

A REPORT reached Dallas, Tex., on the 10th, of a great battle in New Mexico in which sixty Indians and sixteen cowboys were killed.

The notorious Leo brothers, of Texas and Indian Nation fame, propose to surrender if they are paid the rewards, aggregating several thousand dollars, offered for their capture.

A COUPLE of young Indiana farmers fought eight rounds with bare knuckles on the 10th, in the presence of a select party, to decide who should have the heart and hand of a girl they both loved.

The Captain and first mate of the British brig E. Williams, which arrived at Newcastler-on-Tyne April 23d from Wilmington, N. C., were sentenced on the 10th each to seven years' penal servitude for killing Seaman Limberg.

The steamer Caledonia from Boston, for London, is reported to be in latitude 41 north, longitude 17 west. She was sailing under canvas. Her propeller was loose.

A TERRIBLE hailstorm passed over a section of Northern Michigan three or four miles wide by ten long the night of the 9th, going over the lake to Port Hope, Ont. Great damage resulted to standing crops. The hail beat out windows and otherwise injured buildings.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

The President and Colonel Lambert have gone fishing. The President will see into the Adirondacks about the 1st of August.

ADMIRAL JOUETT has been ordered home from Panama.

ANARCHY reigns in the Soudan. The Mahdi is reported dead.

FIRE destroyed the Portland flour mills at Seymour, Ind., on the 11th.

JESSE R. GRANT obtained judgment against Grant & Ward for \$121,472.

A FATAL accident is to be appointed for Pekin, China.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has purchased the Delaware, Maryland & Virginia Road.

CHOLERA is ravaging several districts in India.

COLLECTOR SPAULDING of Chicago will thereafter refuse to clear grain-laden Canadian vessels.

RIEL, the Northwest rebel leader, hopes to escape through a flaw in his indictment.

FIRE swept away the establishment of the Vincennes Manufacturing Company at Vincennes, Ind., on the 11th.

NEGOTIATIONS of the Government of Peru with the rebel Caoceros have failed.

ABOUT 4,000 soldiers will be immediately concentrated at the scene of threatened Indian trouble.

RUMORS are afloat that General Logan will oppose the Senate the confirmation of M. Grevy as President of France.

SECRETARY LAMAR says that the cattle trail must be kept open, and he has taken steps to enforce the order.

GENERAL JOHN GIBSON has been ordered by the President to the command of the Department of the Columbia.

The French have taken the King of Annam prisoner, and captured \$2,000,000 treasure.

The strikers at Cleveland, O., were expected to return to work on the 13th or 14th.

AUSTRIA is protesting against the appointment of Mr. Jones, American Consul at Prague.

TEN lives were lost by the capsizing of a yacht on Lake Minnetonka, Minn., on the 12th.

COUNT ESTERHAZY proposes to settle 30,000 Hungarians among the Canadian Pacific Railroad in the Northwest.

SUNDAY was a quiet day for General Grant. Dr. Newman held services at the cottage.

ON THE MOUNT.

General Grant's Visitors—A Baltimore Fleet With "Chickadees" of Universal Frappers and the Mexican Editors—The Responses in Writing to their Greetings.

MR. MCGREGOR, N. Y., July 9.—General Grant was asleep soon after eleven o'clock Tuesday night, and slept until three o'clock yesterday morning, when Dr. Douglas cleared the patient's throat, after food had been given.

The patient and physician then sat for half an hour in conversation, during which the General's mind seemed bright and cheerful. There are no evidences of it in what he wrote Dr. Douglas. After this the General slept until eight o'clock, when food and treatment was again given. The morning was clear and warm.

The warm, clear weather tempted the General out of doors, and he spent nearly an hour on the veranda. Between eleven and twelve o'clock he took a seat on the piazza, and wrote for a considerable time.

Rev. Father Dieder, of Baltimore, called on the General during the afternoon. In response to the priest's statement that they were all praying for him, he wrote: "Yes, I know, and I feel very grateful to the Christian people of the United States for their prayers for my behalf. There is no sect or religion, as shown in the Old or New Testament, to which this does not apply. Catholics, Protestants and Jews and all the good people of the world are praying for me. It is my duty to pray for the prayers of all these good people may be answered so far as to have us all meet in another, better world. I can not speak even in a whisper."

"July 8, 1885." "U. S. GRANT.

The event of the afternoon was a visit to the mountain by the Mexican editors, who were greeted by the General by E. Talbot, of Chicago. Senor Augustin Arroyo de Anna addressed the General, saying that they could not pass so near without paying their respects to one who had done so much for his country and for the promotion of good feeling between the two Republics.

In response General Grant wrote as follows: "My great pleasure in Mexico dates back to the war between the United States and that country. My interest was increased when four European monarchs attempted to set up their institutions on this continent, selecting Mexico, a territory adjoining. It was an outrage on human rights for a foreign nation to attempt to transfer her institutions and her rulers to the territory of a civilized people without their consent. They were fearfully punished for their crime. I hope Mexico may soon begin an upward and prosperous departure. She has all the conditions she has the people; she has the soil; she has the climate, and she has the minerals. The conquest of Mexico will not be an easy task in the future." The party banqueted at the hotel and returned to Saratoga in the evening.

The General was much fatigued by the reception, and retired at seven o'clock. At midnight he was fast asleep.

BAFFLED BY A WOMAN.

An Audacious Burglar Put to Flight by a Brave Woman.

CLEVELAND, O., July 8.—William Crawford, a wealthy young man of 197 Dodge street, was awakened at one o'clock yesterday morning by a pull at the sleeve of his night-shirt and the glare of a bull's-eye light. The burglar ordered Mr. Crawford to get up and show him the valuables about the house. Mrs. Crawford was sleeping in the next room, and her husband feared the effect upon her nerves, offered the burglar \$50 to go off and not awaken her. The burglar took the \$50 and then violated his contract by ordering Crawford to precede him to her room. Crawford quietly awoke his wife. The lady discovered having any jewelry, watch or diamonds.

While the burglar was arguing with Mr. Crawford about the matter, Mrs. Crawford slipped into the next room and secured her husband's revolver, but on returning was confronted by the burglar and disarmed. The latter then started to take the baby, intending probably to compel the mother to surrender her jewel case. She threw open the window and shrieked for help, and the neighbors responding the burglar decamped. The burglar cut the telephone wire and pulled down all the blinds before arousing the family.

POISON IN THE BOTTLE.

A Dinner Party Poisoned, Some Fatally.

BURLINGTON, Ia., July 8.—A fatal poisoning case is reported from Scott County. A family named Baker entertained a dinner party last evening, at which a dozen persons were present, nearly all being relatives. At dinner time was served from a bottle in which it had been placed a few days ago. The bottle had recently contained liniment made from roots of the Jimson weed. Nearly all at the table drank the liquid. In a few moments all were seized with a terrible illness. The eyes became swollen to an abnormal degree, great drops of froth issued from their mouths, and the sick persons bit at themselves and nearly tore off their clothing. In their agony they screamed and screamed. The physician called, who summoned another physician. The patients had to be held, sometimes by force, before the stomach pump could be used. Mrs. Hardesty, who was seemingly the least ill, died in an hour. Under heroic treatment the five other persons were eased of their pain, but all lie in a comatose condition, and it is feared that Samuel Baker may die.

Roy Got His Pop.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 9.—General Rosecrans was presented yesterday afternoon by a half-dozen Texas soldiers with a pistol which they captured in a rebel Rosecrans' baggage train in the summer of 1864. On the butt of the pistol there is an inscription descriptive of the battles in which General Rosecrans was victorious, among others, Rich Mountain, Carnie Ferry, Iuka, Corinth, Murfreesboro, etc. The General was delighted, and especially by the manner in which the restoration of the old firearm was made by Judge Chenoweth.

A Negro Burglar Filled Full of Lead.

GREENVILLE, S. C., July 9.—Near Highland Home Tuesday night Charles Williams, a negro, was lynched. Williams was a desperate character, and had committed many burglaries. Entering the house of a gentleman near that place, he went into a young lady's room, and placing his hand on her bosom, she awoke and screamed. Mr. Hillain rushed in. He was subsequently arrested, and while a posse was on its way with him to the county seat a body of masked men opened fire upon him, and when the smoke cleared away his body lay dead, pierced by a hundred bullets.

HOSTILITIES THREATENED.

The Texas Governors, whose Cattle are Stopped at the Chickadee Outlet, Threaten to Force Their Way Through With Arms if Necessary.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., July 9.—There is serious trouble threatened between the ranchmen and the Cherokee outlet and Texas drovers. The trouble grows from the stopping of numerous herds of northern Texas cattle at the outlet ranchmen, through authority obtained from the United States District Attorney of the Western District of Kansas. Near Camp Supply, on the Fort Dodge trail, 16,000 head are now held. The drovers have become enraged at the authorities' interference, and openly declare that unless some arrangements are speedily made to give them an outlet they will cut their way through, claiming they are amply able to do it, and one hundred and sixty well-armed cowboys being connected with the different outfits. The situation is considered critical. The range at the camp will longest furnish the sufficient grass. The cowboys are ardent under pay and many of the herds under contract for delivery in Wyoming at a certain time. The trail from Texas up is crowded, and as they arrive a renewal of ill feeling becomes general, although no definite action has been taken. A large stock owner has declared that he will move camp on Saturday, fully prepared for any resistance that may be offered. It is presumed that a general movement will be made, and an armed conflict will result. A protest of the cattle men on the strip against Texas drovers has been over their range is the source of the trouble.

BOLD THIEVES.

A Pair of Chicago Crooks Gave Entrance Into a Chicago Residence in the guise of Plumbers, Knocked Down and Robbed the Mistress of Over a Thousand Dollars and Escaped With Their Booty.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 9.—At noon yesterday two men dressed like mechanics went to the house of Thomas Smith, a draughtsman at 50 Eldridge Court. Mrs. Smith was home alone. One of the men had a bag of tools. They said they were plumbers sent by the landlord, and she unsuspectingly showed them into the kitchen. There they fell her to the floor by a blow with a fist. Before she had time to cry out they were choked in a gag, both ends being tied together back of her head. The robbers then tore open the bosom of Mrs. Smith's dress and got hold of a wallet containing \$1,030. Before the men had left there was a ring at the door and the gentleman and his wife who called that Mrs. Smith was too ill to see them. Then the men discussed the propriety of killing Mrs. Smith by setting the house on fire or by drowning her in the lake. As all the conditions were being on the floor and made their escape. In half an hour she had released herself and raised an alarm. The police have made no arrests.

STORMS AND CYCLONES.

Serious Ravages of the Elements in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan—Houses Destroyed, Crops Destroyed, Wrecked and Telegraph Wires Prostrated.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 9.—A special dispatch received at the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway's general office here indicates that a destructive cyclone has visited the section of the State about Sparta. Thirteen freight cars and two passenger coaches were blown from the track and destroyed. Telegraph wires were torn down, and it is as yet impossible to say how far or how long great the damage has been.

ST. PAUL, MINN., July 9.—Specialists just received say a terrific wind and rain storm visited the western and southern western sections of this State yesterday afternoon. In some places, the storm took the shape of a cyclone, and destroyed everything in its path. Crops were uprooted, and serious injury was done to standing timber and orchards.

MONTEICELLO, MINN., July 10.—A cyclone passed north of this place yesterday afternoon. The track of the storm was about five miles wide, and the cloud of a greenish hue and funnel-shaped. A house between Big Lake and Becker was struck and scattered along the prairie. A little child in a yard was picked up and carried some distance, but received only a few scratches. A man named Magee, who took shelter near a knoll, says that in the cloud he could see pieces of timber and wreckage plunging about, but his account is rather meager, as he admits that he was very much frightened. Reports come in slowly, but so far no deaths have been reported.

DETROIT, MICH., July 10.—A special from Allegan says: "Two miles north of this city Wednesday night a tornado enveloped and swept over a tract about three miles long and eighty rods wide, resulting in great damage. Buildings were uprooted, and serious injury was done to standing timber and orchards."

Novel Contest For a Maiden's Hand.

EVANSVILLE, IND., July 9.—Charles Harding and James Townsend, two young farmers, have signed articles to fight to a finish with bare knuckles. Both men have been paying attention to Miss Sadie Corning, a belle of the neighborhood, each being ignorant of the other's devotion until last Sunday, when both called on the young lady at the same time. Hot words followed, resulting in a challenge by Harding, the victor to receive Miss Corning's hand in marriage. The damsel consented to the arrangement, and the fight will take place tomorrow morning. It will be private, only a few friends having been invited.

Declared Insane.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 9.—Several weeks ago the Polk street depot in this city was the scene of a most startling tragedy. A man named Reaume, a passenger on the incoming train from Denver, yesterday. Many witnesses reached the depot, his capture was attempted by a platoon of police. In the encounter which followed, Officer Barrett was shot dead by the maniac. The latter was wounded, it was thought mortally, and taken to the hospital. This morning Reaume was taken in the County Court and declared insane.

He Asked for Ransom and Got a Bullet.

COMANCHE, TEX., July 10.—About a week ago Wm. Matthews sloped from the southern part of Comanche County with the wife of James Secrist, a reputable farmer. Yesterday Matthews returned alone to the Secrist place to get the clothing and personal effects of Mrs. Secrist. Mr. Secrist met Matthews at the house, and when requested to get the articles desired, Secrist entered the house apparently to comply. He soon appeared at the door with a Winchester rifle and shot Matthews dead from his horse, and after firing two more bullets into the prostrate body, mounted the horse and fled.

CROP PROSPECTS.

The Condition of the Cotton and Cereal Crops as Gleaned From the Reports to the Department of Agriculture—Cotton Showing a Remarkably Fine Average.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11.—The Department of Agriculture reports that cotton has made a material improvement during June. There are few imperfect stalks reported. The temperature and rainfall have favored the growth, and fruiting has commenced in the Gulf States; local draughts are very rare, and the moisture is generally sufficient from Virginia to Texas. It is somewhat in excess in the lowlands, interfering with cultivation and stimulating the growth of grass. The general average condition has advanced from 92 per cent. in June to 96 in July. It has not been exceeded in July since 1880. This will insure, barring drawbacks likely to come in the later summer, a large crop. Average of condition by States are as follows: Virginia, 99; North Carolina, 63; South Carolina, 96; Georgia, 97; Florida, 95; Alabama, 92; Mississippi, 99; Louisiana, 100; Texas, 9