

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

The town of Highmore, Dak., has been completely wiped out by a cyclone.

The English Government will do its best to obtain an early issue of the \$15,000,000 Egyptian loan.

The tenth death from lock-jaw occurred in Chicago on the 14th as a result of firing off toy pistols on the Fourth of July.

LOUIS J. JENKINS, formerly editor of the New York Times, will stand for Parliament for Stockport, Cheshire, England.

SPAIN is agitated by a threatened Republican uprising. Several arrests have been made, and a quantity of arms seized.

The receipts of the Patent Office for the months of March, April, May and June were \$409,739; for the same period in 1884, \$400,568.

SECRETARY BAYARD returned to Washington on the 14th, and the State Department, Mrs. Bayard's condition having improved.

L. B. HARRISON, President of the First National Bank of Cincinnati, has been appointed Government Director of the Union Pacific Railroad.

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL stated in the Commons on the 14th that England had made certain pledges of assistance to the Amir of Afghanistan in case he asks for it.

In the British House of Commons, on the 13th, the Home Secretary announced that the Government would go to the bottom in the investigation of the recent exposures.

THERE were reported throughout Spain on the 14th 1,092 new cases of cholera, and 478 deaths from the disease. The returns from Valencia, however, were incomplete.

The British soldiers stationed at Suakin are suffering from the intense heat, and the mortality among them is described as frightful, enteric diseases being very prevalent.

A COMMITTEE, consisting of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of London, Cardinal Manning and Hon. Samuel Morley, will investigate the *Pull Mail Gazette's* charges.

The French Senate has ratified the Tien Tsin treaty. The Chamber of Deputies has adopted all the clauses of the budget except two, which are reserved for further discussion.

THERE were 1,496 new cases of cholera and 604 deaths from the disease in Spain on the 14th. It was noted that cholera exists also in the provinces of Alcala and Navarre.

EMPEROR AUGUSTA of Germany offers a prize of \$1,000 for the best portable hospital tent for war or epidemic uses. Competitors are to exhibit the tents at the Antwerp exhibition.

A NEWSBOY was arrested in Chicago for hawking a reprint of the *Pull Mail Gazette's* disclosures. He was fined \$100 for distributing obscene literature, and the Judge suspended the fine.

THE Secretary of the Interior is still in receipt of telegrams from cattlemen in the Indian Territory, complaining that the cattle trails through the Cherokee strip remain obstructed, and asking for relief.

THE American Gymnastic Society entered the city of Dresden, Germany, on the 17th, and was accorded a popular ovation. The procession which escorted the society into the city bore at its head an American flag.

A. T. SMITH, the expert accountant employed to examine the accounts of Treasurer Anderson of Hoboken, N. J., has found a deficiency of \$36,000. Anderson is requested to explain at the next Council meeting.

MR. CYRUS W. FIELD will give a banquet at the Star and Garter Hotel, Richmond, Eng., on the evening of Wednesday, August 10th, to celebrate the anniversary of the completion of the first Atlantic cable.

The War Department is in receipt of dispatches from the Indian Territory which say that the disaffected Indians are becoming quiet, and there is a favorable outlook for the settlement of the Indian troubles.

THERE were 1,629 new cases of cholera and 672 deaths from the disease reported from all points in Spain on the 17th. It is stated that every one of forty-seven nuns who were inoculated by Dr. Ferran has died of cholera.

The Secretary of the Navy has issued an order granting employees of the Navy Department thirty days' leave of absence with pay during the year when their services can be spared without interference with the public business.

THE Toronto Globe charges the Directors and shareholders of the Canadian Pacific with taking \$1,500,000 out of the company's funds, leaving invested in all their works only about \$18,000,000 of the price they paid for all the capital.

WADE HARTFORD has come out with corrections of errors in recently published stories by Generals Johnson and Imboden on the first battle of Manassas, in which he claims the honor of having made the Confederate victory possible.

The Washington Post building was burned out on the 16th, involving in the general destruction the *National Republican*, the *Evening Critic* and the *Sunday Gazette*, all of whose plants of machinery and material were destroyed.

The French Government has telegraphed to General De Courcy, at Hue, directing him to severely punish the Annamite officials who took part in the recent ambushes, but to confine his action to the limits of his protectorate.

The people of Winnipeg celebrated the return of the troops by a grand torch-light procession and a display of fireworks on the night of the 17th. Many thousands, including the military, took part in the procession. The streets were thronged with people.

The Chinese recently ordered the expulsion of the English traveler Dagleish from Yarkand. The Governor, having acted hesitatingly in the execution of the order, has been punished, and Dagleish has been forcibly expelled from Yarkand by the Chinese authorities.

ALL the buildings, plant, etc., of the World's, Electrical and Cotton Centennial Exposition were sold at auction on the 13th to the new company, known as the North, Central and South American Exposition, for \$175,000, that being the exact amount of the debts owed by it.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

TENNESSEE Island, near Paluch, Ky., has been sold for \$7,000.

The American Protective Tariff League has been incorporated at New York.

Special private inquiries into the *Pull Mail Gazette's* publications was begun on the 15th.

INDIANS recently killed two cowboys and staked them to the ground on the Cherokee strip.

JACOB RYER, driver of Richball, was killed by John Bunch in a stable at the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Driving Park on the 15th.

The office and dwelling of the American Consul at Nassau, N. P., were burned on the 15th.

T. J. O'BRIEN fell from a two-story window at Davenport, Ia., on the 15th, and fractured his skull.

THERE was unusual agitation on the London stock market on the 15th on account of Russian news.

DELLOS DORRANCE, one of the oldest pilots on the Mississippi, died at La Claire, Ia., on the 15th.

CREATED by the Munster Bank has created great excitement in all the large cities of Ireland.

REPORTS of warlike action of the Russians in Persia have created great excitement in London.

A DESPATE encounter took place at Cleveland, on the 15th, between strikers and police, in which many on both sides were badly hurt.

HANNAH FROST, an Irish girl, just landed the other day, and her native land so intensely that she became a raving maniac.

SUBSCRIPTIONS are to be taken up among the common people in Canada for Reilly's defense.

EDWARD WYTHENS, of the Halifax (N. S.) Custom-house, killed his daughter and himself on the 15th. He was insane.

EARTHQUAKE shocks of great force occurred at midnight of the 14th at Smyrna and at Chesme, in Asia Minor.

CHOLERA is intense in Ecuador over the Santos case. Threats are made to blow the American fleet out of the water.

The number of new cases of cholera in the whole of Spain on the 14th was 1,693; the number of deaths was 673.

A FIRE at Oakland, Cal., the night of the 14th, destroyed eight business buildings with their contents. Loss estimated, \$50,000; partially insured. Much excitement prevails, as it is believed the fire was accidentally caused.

JOSEPH PALMER was hanged at Cincinnati on the 15th, for murder. Hereafter all executions in Ohio must take place at the Penitentiary at Columbus.

W. W. SCOTT, a farmer living six miles southeast of Greenfield, O., was shot and instantly killed by Elijah Nevin, a neighbor, during an altercation on the 14th.

GENERAL HOWARD reports an intensely bitter state of feeling at Salt Lake between the Mormons and Gentiles. He says bloodshed may be looked for.

CHIEF JUSTICE WAITE, of the United States Supreme Court, is ruralizing in Scotland.

The first session of the Master House Painters' Association of the United States and Canada convened at Chicago on the 15th, with sixty delegates in attendance.

A MRS. JONES, of Buffalo, who was with a party of ladies at Bath Island, Niagara, on the 14th, fell into the stream and was drowned.

On the afternoon of the 14th, at Debusk's ranch, twenty miles from Trinidad, Cal., twelve out of a herd of eighteen horses in a pasture were killed by lightning.

A hail storm drove the horses against a barbed-wire fence, which conducted the lightning through the herd.

During the first quarter of the year 1885, the net earnings of the New York Central and Hudson River R.R. for Pennsylvania, 18.3, and Erie, 43.6 per cent, the effect produced by the rate war.

The Directors of the Illinois Central Railroad Company have declared the usual semi-annual dividend of four per cent, payable in cash on September 1st, to the stockholders, as registered at the closing of the transfer books August 11th. The books close August 11th and open September 4th.

One of the Communist who was arrested in Cleveland on the 13th, and is released on the 15th on \$5,000 bail, and it is said he is stigated the attack on that day which brought on the fight.

JOSEPH TAYLOR was hanged at Philadelphia on the 15th, for murder.

REPORTS received at Cairo say the Mahdi is really dead.

The buildings of the Philadelphia Rubber Works were destroyed by fire on the 16th.

The relations between England and Russia are growing critical again.

J. N. LYONS, of Gibson County, Indiana, is suspected of poisoning his children by scattering arsenic on a pie. He can not be found.

CHOLERA continues to rage with unabated virulence in Spain.

The Western Union telegraph office at Philadelphia, Pa., was gutted by fire on the 15th.

Paris advises say that the Russians are determined on seizing Herat.

MRS. EMMA GAULT was murdered by her husband at Jersey City, N. J., on the 15th.

The Ottawa Senate has passed the anti-Chinese restriction bill, without amendment.

ENNIS (Ireland) shareholders of the Munster Bank have come to its assistance with a call of 2s. per share.

The troops defending the Kansas border are actually housed from a yacht on the 16th and drowned.

A PUBLIC meeting at Toronto, Ont., on the 16th, protested against the further admission of Chinese into Canada.

A CHAIN was broken at Denver & Rio Grande yards at Denver, Col., was wrecked on the 16th and the switchmen slightly injured. Dynamite had been placed on the rails, and caused the accident.

RUSSIA promises to investigate the recent flooding by Russian officials of a British Consul's clerk.

The Dresden police summarily stopped a Socialist project to raise funds for Socialist candidates in French elections.

HOLM'S Indian investigating committee will recommend the concentration of the unsettled Sioux and Crow tribes in the Indian Territory, and the purchase of the Sioux reservation in Dakota by the Government.

At Covington, Ind., on the 16th, fire destroyed most of the buildings on the north-east side of the public square. The total loss will reach about \$10,000. Insured for a very small amount.

In accordance with the finding of a court-martial in New York, the President has pardoned the soldiers who were convicted of the killing of the military, took part in the procession. The streets were thronged with people.

Two members of the South American Commission, who were saved from the Guadalupe, have arrived in London. They had claimed the buildings on the north-east side of the public square. The total loss will reach about \$10,000. Insured for a very small amount.

Five clerks in the Second Comptroller's Office of the Treasury, whose salaries ranged from \$1,800 to \$1,200, were discharged on the 16th to reduce the force.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

A Veteran's Plein.

ST. LOUIS, July 16, 1885.

MISSOURI has laws on its statute books that ought to be repealed; none, however, so much as the one in relation to furnishing information from the official records of the Adjutant-General's office in relation to old soldiers of the late war. Many old soldiers have lost or mislaid their discharge or muster-out papers, and at this time are unable to obtain them to themselves, with duplicate copies from the State, from Maine to California, (from Minnesota to Texas, except "poor old Missouri"), gladly furnishes the duplicates, or any other information, free of charge. Try it on Missouri. Write to Jefferson City in behalf of an old soldier, and back comes the stereotyped reply:

"Your letter received. The information desired will be furnished upon the receipt of a fee of \$2, as required by act of the General Assembly approved March 31, 1873."

Respectfully,
J. C. JAMISON,
Adjutant-General of Missouri.

Now I think this outrageous; and the next Legislature ought to repeal this law at the first opportunity, and not disgrace the State any longer.

A. G. PETERSON.

Miscellaneous Items.

The amusement attractions in St. Louis are being patronized with the greatest liberality by the Lord Opera Company, at Uhrig's Cave, and "Billie Taylor," by the Thomas Opera Company, at Schnaider's Garden, both popular summer evening resorts.

Preparations are being made for a Trade-Displeasure in St. Louis this fall that will eclipse all former efforts in that direction.

Burt Nelson, formerly of Albert Lea, Minn., becoming despondent over the knowledge that he was afflicted with consumption, committed suicide with morphine in St. Louis a few days ago.

Miss Eva Verlar, of Warrensburg, has sued David Hughes, of Kansas City, for breach of promise in the Jackson County Court, claiming \$30,000 damages.

Owing to the dull times in the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs shops in St. Joseph, the number of hours have been reduced to eight. It was thought better to do this than reduce the number of men employed.

John Heard, now a District Judge of the Douglas County Court, was the first Registrar of Lands the State ever had. He was appointed from Monroe County, February 6th, 1841, by Governor Reynolds.

Christophe Mann, the oldest man in Missouri, died at his home near Independence, a few days ago, at the age of 111.

In a difficulty over some money matters in St. Joseph, a few days ago John Ryan, of Leavenworth, Kas., fatally shot his brother-in-law, Charles W. Davis. Both have large families.

The State Board of Health, in anticipation of the publication of the official registry of physicians, surgeons and midwives, request all practitioners of medicine, etc., who may be entitled to register to forward to the State Board of Health, before the 15th inst., a list of their names, and to send their names to the Secretary at an early date, in order that the list may be as full and accurate as possible, as well as to secure to themselves the legitimate benefits of the profession in the said official registry.

The St. Louis bridge is proving to be a favorite summer evening resort. It is lighted by electricity, furnished with an abundant supply of ice-water and only one cent is charged for the children.

Baby cats free-between 7 and 11 p. m.

Father Jardine lost his libel suit at Kansas City, and the opinion is that he must sue Sam Jones, the evangelist, who conducted a series of revival meetings in Centenary M. E. Church, St. Louis, in November.

Secretary Johnson of the St. Louis Exposition has notified exhibitors that they can commence preparations for their space continue to be received at the rate of half a dozen a day.

The quarantine against Missouri cattle passing into Illinois has been raised by Wm. Woods, collector in the St. Louis Criminal Court to forty-eight years in the Penitentiary for the murder of Joseph Hunter.

Four young ladies recently took the white veil and five to black veil at the First Presbyterian Church, St. Louis.

Mrs. Jane Harwood died a few days ago at the residence of Mr. James P. Gaugh, in Kansas City. She was a sister of Governor Marmaduke. Her daughter, Miss Lola Harwood, and her sister, Mrs. Bruce, attended her death-bed. Hon. D. W. Marmaduke and Governor Marmaduke were present at the funeral. The remains were interred in Elmwood Cemetery.

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THE TRAIL TROUBLES.

The Conflict of Interests Between the Texas Cattle Men and Their Brethren Further Explained Yesterday. The Letter to Keep the Public Trails Closed Resulting in Serious Loss to the Texans.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 17.—The dispute between the holders of lands in the neutral strip district of Indian Territory and the cattlemen of Northern Texas over the right of way through the neutral strip has assumed a new phase, and, unless the neutral strip men withdraw their opposition to the use of the trail adopted by the Dallas convention held in Texas several months ago, the Texans threaten to make a personal matter of the right of the Texas cattle men to use the trail, as stated in the *Northwestern Live Stock Journal*, at Cheyenne, Wyoming, who passed through the city en route for Washington, speaking on the subject at the St. James Hotel, said:

"The neutral strip strip is not the question at present. The trail through it leads directly into Kansas, through which State Texas cattle can not pass, owing to the laws passed by the Texas Legislature, and the trail is practically worthless. What the Texas men want is the trail through the neutral strip, which is public domain. Once that State can get north or east, as they desire. The Secretary of State, Attorney-General and Commissioner of Agriculture have been furnished with a copy of the letter, and are thoroughly conversant with all of the details."

The following telegram was sent from Texas to Commissioner Colman at Washington:

"The trails sought to be traveled by the Texas drovers are well established by use of common knowledge, and have been used on by the Dallas meeting is the only practicable one to Colorado. Great numbers of Texas cattle have been driven on the stock interest of our State by the stoppage of cattle on the neutral strip, as stated by Governor Ireland and Congressman Sayers. Secretary Lamar and Commissioner Colman are hereby requested to issue a simple justice."

JOHN N. SIMPSON,
President Texas Live Stock Association.

On the 11th inst. Messrs. W. A. Towers and Thomas A. Lee, signing themselves as representatives of Colorado, Kansas, Northern Texas, Missouri and Indian Territory Cattle Growers and Live Stock Association, telegraphed their version of the difficulty to Commissioner Colman, to the effect that the right of trail through the neutral strip be denied the Texans.

Subsequent investigation develops that Towers and Lee are interested in the cattle business in the neutral strip territory, and, while they may represent the Kansas and Indian Territory associations, since the stand they take in their own behalf is identical with the interests of those States; they do not represent nor voice the sentiments of Colorado, Texas and Missouri associations. This discovery is the new phase referred to above and it is the basis of the objection by the Texas as ground for disregarding their statements. It is claimed that the "Northern Texas Live Stock Association" is a mere organization of men who belong to the Colorado and Missouri associations, they were not authorized by them to make any statement to the Secretary as coming from them. At a meeting of the Colorado and Missouri associations, the resolution was unanimously adopted expressive of the sense of that Association, that owners of healthy cattle had the right to drive the same over the neutral strip, and in direct opposition to the position taken by Towers and Lee in obstructing the drive through the neutral strip. All of the Texas cattle associations in the neutral strip territory, at a meeting and concurred in the adoption of what is known as the Dallas trail, which traverses the neutral strip and leads into Colorado and Indian Territory. Towers and Lee have been selected by them to rescind their action in the matter, and vouch all of their friends and associates, including Messrs. Erans and a large majority of the cattlemen of this State are in sympathy with the action of the Dallas Convention and no one has been authorized by them to rescind the contract by which the prohibiting the passage of Texas cattle, with certain restrictions, through Kansas, it is alleged, was passed through the influence of Kansas cattlemen, and a neutral strip cattlemen for the purpose of injuring the cattle interests of Texas and benefiting their own. The representations contained in the letters-leave the business in the hands of the cattlemen, as denoted in a letter to Commissioner Colman from Hon. Joseph M. Wilson, Treasurer of the Colorado Cattle Growers' Association, and the German National Bank of Denver, who says that Towers and Lee are seeking to stop cattle from Crockett, Edwards, Nolan and Mitchell, Texas, with a view to perfecting healthy cattle. N. Lytle, a member of the Executive Committee of the National Cattle and Horse Growers' Association, has telegraphed to Commissioner Colman, and asking that an inspector be sent to Texas to establish the fact. Dr. George J. Faville, veterinarian of the Colorado State Sanitary Board, examined the cattle and issued bills of health.

Towers and Lee state that there is no objection to Texas cattle being driven over the old trail which leads into Kansas, Kansas being in the neutral strip, however, the old trail is therefore useless to the Texans. Their expressed desire to leave the question of the right of passage over the neutral strip to the courts, for decision, is objected to by the Texans for the reason that the time which would be expended in its adjudication would interfere seriously with their business, and prevent the driving of their cattle to the tool late to reach Northern ranges this season. The Texas claim to have suffered a loss already by depreciation in value of their stock to the extent of \$4,000,000, and a speedy decision of the difficulty is asked for. The land occupied by the Neutral Strip Association is public domain and they say that no one has a right to obstruct its passage.

The above facts have been given before Commissioner Colman and Secretary Lamar, and it is thought they will aid materially in bringing about a settlement and have considerable weight in favor of the Texans.

HANGED AT LAST.

Joseph Palmer, One of the Murderers of Kirk in Cincinnati, Pays the Penalty of His Crime—His Last Hours—The Celebrated Case That Brought So Much Disaster and Woe to the Queen City.

CINCINNATI, O., July 15.—Joseph Palmer, the accomplice of Berner in the murder of W. H. Kirk, was hanged at 10:07 1/2. At 10:45 he was pronounced dead. The body was taken charge of by Undertaker Mulvihill. He was brave to the last.

Yesterday Palmer ate, drank and was merry. Last night he slept well, and no dream troubled his mind. At 5:30 he awoke of his own volition. He remained in bed, however, until nearly six o'clock, when Father Brady called him to get up and dress himself. Lighting the candles on the little white altar in the cell, the Reverend Father and the condemned man knelt down and passed half an hour in prayer, Palmer joining in very heartily. At seven o'clock he ate breakfast; after finishing he lit a cigar, and thrusting his hands in his pantalon pockets, paced leisurely up and down the cell, puffing his cigar as calmly as if he were a free man. At eight o'clock, when the Sheriff read the death warrant, Palmer halted and listened. When it was concluded he merely bowed his head and resumed his walk. In a few minutes he was dressed, and the Sheriff, accompanied by Messrs. Beresford and thirty deputies. The procession reached the gallows at 10:05. Palmer stood firm and said nothing. At 10:07 1/2 the trap was sprung. He died of strangulation in thirty-two and one-half minutes he was pronounced dead by Coroner Carrick.

The crime of Palmer, as the partner of William Berner, was in its consequences the greatest crime of the present day in Ohio, or any other State. On Monday afternoon, December 24th, Palmer and Berner were working together in Kirk's stable, No. 238 North Ninth street. Both boys knew that Kirk had large sums of money at all times, and they had planned to rob and kill him, if necessary. Kirk came in at four o'clock that afternoon.

"What do you say?" whispered Berner to Palmer.

"It's a go," replied Palmer, and with a word of warning Berner hit Kirk with a heavy hammer. He fell and moaned. Palmer followed up with several blows with a club. Then a rope was thrown over the neck and pulled tight enough to bulge the throat. The pockets were emptied and \$245 found. This was divided, Berner getting the biggest share. Hay was thrown over the body, and the boys drove up with a covered wagon, hired from Chas. T. Hayden. The body was put in and taken to the ravine near Cumminsville, where it was found two days later on March 18, 1884. Berner was tried in the Circuit Court. His defense was conducted by Tom Campbell and M. F. Wilson. Against all the convincing testimony, a miserable jury returned a verdict of manslaughter. The result is known by everybody, and the days of riot and bloodshed that followed will never be forgotten. It is not necessary to tell of the days when a mob fought with State troops and beat down the jail doors.

After all this excitement Palmer was tried with the grim walls of the ruined courthouse, growing upon him. He was convicted on June 24th and sentenced to hang October 10th. He was given a respite by the District Court, in order that an application for a new trial might be heard. It was refused, and his date of death was again fixed. He was defended by Scott Symmes, who took his case to the Supreme Court. Palmer was granted a new trial, which resulted in his conviction and sentence to hang July 15th.

Palmer was almost white, and manifested a brutal apathy ever since his arrest. During the riot he saved his life from the mob by claiming that he was a white man and that Palmer was upstairs. He was only nineteen, and a thoroughly tough citizen.

ENGLAND AGAIN ALARMED.

The Russians Reported to be Again Becoming Aggressive on the Afghan Frontier—Advancing on Zulfikar Pass—A Sensation Produced in London.

LONDON, July 16.—The Times this morning publishes a dispatch from its special correspondent on the Russo-Afghan frontier, sent via Teheran, in which he states that the Russians are becoming very aggressive and appear intent on forcing war with the Afghans. The correspondent says that the Russian forces under Colonel Alkhanoff are advancing en masse on Zulfikar Pass from various points near the frontier held by the Russians, principally from Sarikhs, and make but little efforts at concealing their intentions. The Afghans are much alarmed by this forward movement, and exhibit great anxiety to see the Russian member of the large stone cutting firm of Pfeiffer & Son, of St. Joseph, eloped a few days ago with a stone-cutter named Carl Braum. Mrs. Pfeiffer's maiden name was Louisa Dietz, and she is the daughter of a prominent merchant of Weston, this State. She was married four years ago, and is the mother of a bright little girl of three, whom she left behind. Braum was in her husband's employ, and was paid for the children.

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THE FASHIONS.

Some of the Pretty Trimmings That Please the American Women.

Graduating dresses are overtrimmings this year, as are also confirmation suits.

Gauze and silk grenadine fans lead in popularity just now.

Fine French cashmere dresses of the color of red, known as sang de bouf, and elaborately braided with black, are favored by English girls for tennis use.

One of the prettiest sights seen in a long time was a silvery-haired old lady in a charge of the "kitted goods" booth at a fair recently. She wore a dress of white mink with a broad hem and a few narrow tufts at the foot of the skirt. Over her shoulders was folded a kerchief of dotted Swiss muslin, held by a little bouquet of full-blown white roses. Above her crown of wavy white hair she wore a stately-looking Mohair Washington cap, lace-trimmed, and made of dotted Swiss. She was the "belle of the evening," aged seventy-five years.

Gauze, embroidered silk muslin, Spanish Escorial and Oriental net are in high vogue for bonnet crowns and hat crowns for dressy wear. Laces to correspond trim the brims and wreath the crown. Silk, of either a pale or a vivid contrasting color, forms the foundation to these head coverings, and the floral garnitures invariably match the shade of the silk. All white hats are very popular, and the flowers for these are white moss roses, white lilac and foliage mingled with white silk lace or Spanish blond.

Basques are short and jaunty, and a little treble-pleated postillion, called in Paris the "bird's tail postillion," is the proper finish to the backs of corsages made either round, pointed, or jagged in front. A very dainty novelty for full-dress occasions consists of a satin vest, dotted all over with hoops made of mother-of-pearl beads. The vests are made apart from the skirt, and to be worn with different bodices, and a quarter of silk or satin, pearl-beaded, will make a pretty zouave jacket. Silk gauze, brocaded with small velvet flowers, made up in tunics and corsages, are very elegant over kilted skirts of any color, and of the shade of the velvet flowers. En suite are satin vests, dotted with tiny figures in sapphire, emerald, ruby, or pearl beads corresponding with the hue of the skirt fabric.

Among the newly imported dust cloaks and wraps for tourists are Newmarket and pelisses made of golden brown, cardinal, nuns' gray, and beige mohair, cashmere, pongee, or serge. The handsome and most expensive are embroidered with a variety of designs, are shown simply tailor-made, with a number of fine pleats laid from throat to belt, both front and back. In front the pleats are held at the waist line by a button and a strap. Some of the Newmarket are finished with a pointed hood, lined with striped satin in gray colors. The cardinal dust cloaks are exclusively for out-of-town wear, and the most dainty of these are loaded with pale-colored colored and white. Some very dressy toilets are made of the plain and figured "numette," as nuns' veiling is now called. One stylish model shows a tucked and kilted skirt of the plain numette with a deep apron-piece of pale-colored and white sprig of maiden-hair fern, the soft green of the fern being repeated in the ribbon trimmings, which were combined with those of hedge-rose pink.

Among the new lawn-tennis costumes are a very trim and graceful skirt of dark blue canvas, kilted all the way from belt to hem. Above are bodices of stockinette brier-stitched with gold and cardinal silk, with belt and pockets trimmed to match.—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

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During the cholera visitation in 1854 there were 25,247 deaths from it in New York City.

—Apache Indians call whisky "tiswin," but by any other name it swells the head just the same.—*Chicago Herald.*

—What in the old version was called "leaving" in the new version is termed "lying of falsehood," and the Pittsburgh *Citizen* says that the agents have brought this on themselves.

—It is a peculiarity of the Red River Valley that often pure water is found at a depth of a few feet, and a few rods from the surface, and the water will contain so much alkali that it can not be used.

—An applicant for appointment on the Kansas City (Mo.) police force received a blank to fill out, one of the questions being "What is the general name of your health?" He appended "Missouri."—*N. Y. Sun.*

—It is eighteen years since Mme. Nilsson has been heard on the boards of a French opera-house. Managers there will not pay the prices which a French opera can get in New York and London. The same the facts against the system, and strive more for good average execution than for the glitter and glamor of one-part opera. Fatti, too, goes elsewhere, and gets in one week half as much as she could earn in the Paris opera in a whole twelvemonth.

—The most interesting relic in the possession of the town of Poland, Me., is its town scales. Fancy a straight beam with a rusty knife edge on which a weight of three or four pounds is placed, and the beam is so square, wooden scale pans. They are said to be the oldest scales in Androscoggin County. They hang on a hook having no upright support. A lump of lead fastened with a wire nail to the scale pan serves as a medium for correction of the weight.—*Boston Transcript.*

—A lady writes from Kansas concerning the grasshopper: "If you are quite sure that they are not intending to 'light' a flight of grasshoppers is a beautiful thing to see. All day they floated over us; millions upon millions of airy little creatures, with their white, gauzy wings spread to the light, mounting steadily toward the sun, as it seemed. It was like a snow storm in sunshine. If you like a snow storm, a thing, with the flakes rising instead of falling."—*Chicago Herald.*

—From experiments carried out by the French commission for the scientific study of fire-damp, it is found that the most violent explosion takes place when there are three or thirteen parts of air to one hundred of fire-damp, and that above or below this the explosion diminishes in violence. When the mixture is below seven parts in one hundred, or above eighteen in one hundred, the gas simply burns with its characteristic blue flame. The singing noise often heard in mines is ascribed to the escape of gas from many minute cavities, while it must exist in some places in vast quantities, as is witnessed by its use for illuminating purposes.