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Tuesday, May 11	37,241
Wednesday, May 12	38,201
Thursday, May 13	36,974
Friday, May 14	38,874
Saturday, May 15	38,842
Total	251,231
Daily average (Sunday, 23,756 excepted)	37,912

WASHINGTON, TUESDAY, MAY 18.

Weyler's prompt answer to the outburst of American sympathy for the poor wretches whom he has sentenced to death by starvation is an order for the destruction of all the villages and farms between Havana and the defined Cuban lines. This, of course, will add ten or twelve thousand fresh victims to the ranks of the condemned and will cut off the last source of vegetable supply from the city. Hereafter every potato will have to come from the United States. The order is a sardonic commentary upon President McKinley's statement in the relief message: "The local authorities of the several towns, however kindly disposed, are unable to relieve the needs of their own people, and are altogether powerless to help our citizens."

The assault on Domkoos commenced at noon of Monday, and, according to the dispatches, the Greeks met it bravely. Toward evening the Greek right was doubled on the center, and the ground had not been recovered when the latest news was received. Reports from Athens show a state of hopefulness in which we cannot join. The crown prince claims to have 35,000 men, but we doubt it. He says that his antagonists number 50,000, which is quite likely; besides which they have ample re-enforcements within easy supporting distance. Constantine has the opportunity of his life, and probably the last one, to redeem his character for courage. He may have the heart and nerve to seize to it. But no matter how nobly his little army may fight, they must soon become exhausted, as every man will be needed to man the lines, and Edhem Pasha surely will pound them in pieces or flank them.

In the Senate yesterday the Presidential message recommending an appropriation of $50,000 for the relief of Americans in Cuba who have been sentenced to death by starvation by the Spanish captain general, was passed, as a matter of course. General debate followed on Senator Morgan's resolution recognizing belligerency and was participated in by Senators Daniel, Stewart and Wellington of Maryland. The latter opened the debate in a speech which was a surprise alike to the Senate and the galleries. He denounced recognition of the Cubans in any way, or any proposition binding at interference with the wholesale horrors and atrocities of Weyler's warfare on hospitals, women and children. He pleaded for recognition of the holy debt we owe to Spain for her assistance to Christopher Columbus in his discovery of America. Mr. Wellington out-Spanished the Spanish Hale of Maine. It was his maiden effort, and, contrary to universal usage, at its conclusion he was not congratulated upon taking his seat by any Senator. This ought to be a warning, but he is likely to receive some more pointed from the women of his State.

In choking off Mr. Bailey's attempt to introduce the Morgan resolution in the House yesterday, Mr. Reed and Mr. Dingley disclosed their attitude of alliance with their colleague from Maine, Mr. Hale, and with his Atkins-Hoar-Olney-DeLome Spanish coalition against the right and duty of the United States to stop the outrage and butchery of women and children in Cuba. We were not quite prepared for this firm and relentless stand on their part, but it is well that their position is exactly defined. The people are watching them, in common with the full membership of the American-Spanish council. The mental attitude of the people in relation to them might vividly be illustrated by that of Mme. Defarge in the "Tale of Two Cities," who, while the governing powers of France were piling up a mountain of offenses against the masses before the French revolution, was always to be found knitting, knitting!

A little Americanism is a good thing in these degenerate days. When Admiral Beardslee told the Japanese minister at Honolulu, "We want you people to keep your hands off this country!" he spoke the sentiments of the whole nation. A few men like Hale, Hoar and Wellington might object to this line of policy, but they do not represent anything outside of some commercial and financial interests. There will be more Americanism of the Beardslee order before long, either with or without the co-operation of the Government. We want Spain to take her bloody knife from the throat of Cuba, and the blessed mothers, wives and daughters of free America are organizing in burning indignation to see that it is done.

Do you know that you can have the Morning, Evening and Sunday Times delivered at your residence for fifty cents a month?

WORST OF THE FLOOD OVER.

Chief Danger Now Is a Too Rapid Fall of the Water.

New Orleans, May 18.—The Mississippi is now stationary at New Orleans, and falling at all points above. It is now believed that the worst of the high water is over. The chief danger is that the river will fall so rapidly as to cause the banks to cave in.

The banks in many places are supported by the pressure of the water, and the moment it is removed the land is likely to fall into the river, carrying with it the levees. Several weak places have been disclosed, and are being watched.

The Redford levee, in Madison parish, is very large, and is caving so rapidly that there is very little chance of saving it, and and a run-around levee will be built to prevent damage. As the Mississippi River has been higher than ever, and its current more powerful, it is expected that when the water goes down it will be found that it has done more cutting than usual, and that it has been materially altered in its channel. Unless during the fall caving carries away a par t of the levees, the amount of damage done in Louisiana, by the high water, will be far less than in any previous overflow year.

PROMISING ACTOR DEAD.

Bertram G. Temple, a Washington Boy, Expires at Montreal.

Mr. Bertram George Temple, one of Washington's promising young actors, died at Montreal, Canada, early this morning, after a brief illness from pneumonia. Mr. Temple was but twenty-four years of age, and was well-known in the theatrical profession as a conscientious worker, who was striving to do his share toward the betterment of the actors' calling, and his untimely death will prove a blow to his host of friends in this city.

For the past two years he has been connected with Charles B. Hanford, and played the leading parts during that gentleman's starring tour. His work as Gratiano in "The Merchant of Venice," Claudius in "Virginius," Julius Caesar in the play of that name, Cassio in "Othello," and Horatio in "Hamlet," will be remembered here as one of the features of Mr. Keene's recent visit to this city.

Mrs. Temple left this morning for Montreal, and will return immediately with the remains. She is heart-broken over the sad affair, and her grief is shared by all who knew Bertram, for he was a gentleman in every sense of the word, and admired by all who knew him.

FREAKS OF AN INSANE MAN.

Imagines He Owns Millions and Is Willing to Spend It.

Lynchburg, Va., May 18.—A young man, respectably dressed, but wild as a March hare, arrived here on Sunday night's train and signed the register at Hotel Carroll as J. D. Litton, Pennington Gay, Va. He stayed there that night, but yesterday morning went to a number of stores in the city endeavoring to buy many thousand dollars' worth of goods. He did so in a way so earnest and without any attempt at fraud that it was soon seen that he was not in his right mind.

Occasionally he would tell his hearers that he had millions at his back with which to buy goods, but that Charles Broadway Rouss and George Gould were after him, and he intended to sue them. At the union depot yesterday afternoon he was turned over to an officer, and is now in a cell awaiting the action of the authorities. He was anxious when in his cell to secure the services of a lawyer, who, he said, could make a big thing of it by securing his release and then suing George Gould for $250,000 damages, of which the lawyer could have half for his trouble.

AN AIRSHIP EXCURSION.

Mrs. Beam Will Assist Her Husband in Testing His Invention.

Altoona, Pa., May 18.—Away through the skies to Ligonier and return Abram Beam and his wife expect to sail in his new airship from his home in the mountain town of Boucher, Westmoreland county, on Thursday next. They will be propelled by compressed air applied to a fan, and expect to be kept aloft by means of a parachute adjustable to any wind velocity.

For a year Mr. Beam has been working on his unique invention, and he has so much confidence in the effectiveness of his aerial contrivance that on top of McIntyre's Hill, just above Boucher, a tower is being built, from the top of which the machine will be started, and doubly forcible evidence of his confidence of success is indicated by his determination to take Mrs. Beam along.

He has kept his invention a profound secret until just before its first crucial flight; but those who know him say he hasn't a doubt that the couple can sail from Boucher to Ligonier and return.

ICE CART DRIVER KILLED.

John Spettigue Run Over by His Own Wagon.

Baltimore, Md., May 18.—Joel Spettigue, a cart driver, in the employ of the water department, who lived at No. 805 North Front street, was instantly killed late yesterday afternoon by being run over by his cart at the corner of High and Low streets. Spettigue had a fractious horse hooked to his cart, and just as he had mounted the cart and was about to grasp the lines, the horse became frightened, and started to run down the street.

Spettigue was thrown to the ground, and the force of the fall crushed in his face. Before he could roll out of harm's way, the wheel of the cart passed over his neck, broke the vertebrae and killed him. The man was dead before he was raised from the ground.

SEEKING A LOST BELT.

Society Lady's Valuable and Historic Girdle Missing.

Detective Hartigan, of the Sixth precinct, is looking for a valuable silk belt with handsome silver mounting and moonstone setting, which was either lost or stolen from a well-known society lady on May 9, while on an Eckington car, near the Catholic University.

The belt has something of a history and was highly prized by the lady, having been given her by a member of a royal family. It is supposed that the finder of the belt is holding the same in the hopes of receiving a reward, which has been offered for its return.

Crushed Under a Street Car.

Lynchburg, Va., May 18.—C. F. Woolfolk, driver of an ice wagon, was instantly killed here yesterday morning by a car of the Lynchburg Street Railway Company. Woolfolk was in a store trying to sell some ice, when, hearing a car approaching, he rushed out to hold his horse. As he sprang from the door he was struck by the car and caught beneath its wheels. Motorman Jos. Hughes and Conductor R. Wilson, after the car had been brought to a standstill, extracted with difficulty the lifeless body of the unfortunate man from under the wheels, and on examination it was found that his neck had been badly crushed and broken.

Crushed by His Father's Wagon.

Petersburg, Va., May 18.—Stearne Staples, aged five years, son of Mr. Staples, who resides in Dinwiddie county, was run over by his father's wagon, which was heavily loaded with tobacco, yesterday afternoon, and perhaps fatally injured.

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WASHINGTON'S TOMB VISITED.

Annual Excursion of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The seventh annual outing of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution of the District of Columbia was given yesterday, and was enjoyed by nearly 200 of the members and invited guests.

The party, many of whom were ladies, left the city at 2:30 p. m., on the steamer Macalester, bound for Marshall Hall. A stop of an hour or more, however, was made at Mount Vernon, where the members of the society and the guests assembled at the tomb of Washington to pay reverence to the memory of the great liberator.

Short addresses eulogistic of the great deeds of Washington were made by the Rev. Dr. Devries, rector of St. Mark's Cathedral, and Gen. J. C. Breckenridge.

The excursionists then proceeded to Marshall Hall, where they partook of their annual planked shad dinner. In the absence of the president of the society, Dr. Gallaudet, the honor of presiding devolved upon Vice President Dr. J. W. Bayne.

During the feast speeches were made by Hon. Mr. Baker, of New Hampshire; Mr. Gallaird Hunt, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe, Commissioner of Pensions Evans, Gen. J. C. Breckenridge, Prof. Gordon, Prof. O. T. Mason, and Mr. Ernest Wilkinson.

Nearly all of the speakers made special reference to the struggle of the Cubans for independence, the consensus of opinion being that the belligerency of Cuba should be recognized.

The party, after a most enjoyable day, returned by moonlight, reaching the city at 9:30 o'clock.

The gentlemen in charge of the excursion were Hon. John R. Procter, chairman of the executive committee; Capt. Walter Howe, Ira Dennison, Dr. M. T. Hoffman, and Messrs. J. Paul Earnest and Francis E. Leupp.

MRS. ACKLAN'S DIVORCE BILL.

Renewed Efforts to Have the Legislature Favor It.

Dover, Del., May 18.—The divorce bill of Mrs. A. B. Acklan, of Cleveland, is again causing excitement. Yesterday her attorney, Horace Greeley Knowles, and an army of lobbyists worked like beavers on the members of the house of representatives, with a view of having them reconsider the bill. Mr. Knowles explained to members that Mrs. Acklan's position had been misrepresented, and that she was not responsible for the reports that she had charges to prefer against any member of the legislature.

Mr. Knowles impressed several members of the house to such extent that they condescended to retract some of the harsh things said about Mrs. Acklan, and to move for a reconsideration of her bill. The motion was made by Representative McCoy. Fifteen voted on the motion, six being absent. The result of the vote showed that a majority was against and seven for reconsideration. Attorney Knowles has not given up all hopes for reconsideration. He is greatly pleased with the result of his effort, and will probably renew it today. Mrs. Acklan has not given up hope. She declared that she has been turned down without a fair hearing, and she proposes to fight till she is recognized by the legislature.

DEPARTMENT PERSONALS.

Secretary Bliss returned to the Department of the Interior today.

Lieut. H. Osterhaus, U. S. N, paid his respects to Secretary Long yesterday.

Postmaster General Gary resumed his official duties yesterday after his Philadelphia vacation.

Passed Assistant Paymaster H. R. Sullivan reported to the Navy Department yesterday. He is on waiting orders.

Lieut. C. McK. Winslow, of the Terror, is at the Army and Navy Club. He visited the Navy Department yesterday.

Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow receives more mail than any other officer of the Postoffice Department.

Capt. C. J. Birday, of the Amphitrite, is visiting this city. Yesterday he called at the Navy Department on business relating to his command.

Chief Clerk Dawson, of the Department of the Interior, has authorized a few minor changes in the housekeeping methods of the Department.

Commissioner of Patents Butterworth has announced that he will make no sweeping revision of the rules of practice before the Patent Office.

Mr. DeLacy, confidential clerk to the chief clerk of the Department of the Interior, gave a theater party at the new National last night.

Mr. Ryan, confidential clerk to the Commissioner of Pensions, has hedged himself round with a green screen to guard against too many interruptions.

Joe Jackson, the chief usher to the office of the Commissioner of Pensions, makes the estimate that twenty-five cranks visit Commissioner Evans daily.

Mr. Harry Shuster, of the Department of the Interior, will spend his vacation in California. He will probably run up north and make another ascent of Mount Ranier.

Secretary Doyle, of the Civil Service Commission, burns midnight oil to light him in the discharge of his duties. He seldom gets away from the offices of the commission before 10 o'clock at night.

Miss Emile Cook, of the Department of the Interior, is one of the most traveled women in Washington. She has wandered around the world several times, and is as well acquainted in the capitals of Europe as she is in Washington.

Superintendent Baird, of the State, War and Navy building, each morning sends a huge bouquet of roses to the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of each of the Departments. The flowers are plucked from the bushes on the grounds.

Lieut. Philip Andrews visited Secretary Long yesterday, and received from the Navy Department some orders relating to the cruiser Brooklyn, with which he is connected. The lieutenant was the guest of the Army and Navy Club last night.

Dr. Ames, superintendent of the document division of the Department of the Interior, is in receipt of many requests from people scattered throughout the Union for copies of "Rules of Practice Before the Department of the Interior," written by Judge Emmett Womack.

AT THE THEATERS.

National—Julia Marlowe.

Julia Marlowe gave a large crowd of her admirers a pleasant new play at the National last night in J. I. C. Clarke's adaptation to the stage of Francis Coppee's novel, "The Jacobites." In its present form it is called "For Bonnie Prince Charlie." It is a story of a Highland girl's love, devotion and self-sacrifice to her prince when his honor and his cause are in danger. The scenes are mainly idyllic and delightfully suited to the subdued and delicate art of winsome Julia Marlowe, but at other points the action is swift and the situations dramatic, so that in its entirety it is a joining of the two elements which unite most happily in a good romantic drama. The period and the locale give splendid opportunity for colorful pictures, and of these every opportunity has been realized. As Mary, the Highland beggar girl, Miss Marlowe is her usual sweet, beautiful, winsome self; but she is more when occasion demands, and in several scenes she rose to dramatic heights not before attained by her. Her style is broadening and her grasp strengthening. Robert Taber made a fine characterization of Angus; Eassett Roe was fine looking and personally magnetic as the prince; Dodson Mitchell was good as Clanmorris, and excellent in their several parts were Fred Murphy, Eugenia Woodward, Henry Doughty and H. A. Langdon.

Lafayette—"Carmen."

Last night was largely a Macnichol night at the Lafayette Square Opera House. That popular prima donna gave Washington a first chance to pass on her new creation, Bizet's operatic cigarette girl, Carmen. Miss Macnichol challenged comparison in appearing in a role so often played by the greatest dramatic singers, and only recently so carefully given, dramatically, by Olga Nethersole. If she did not eclipse any of her predecessors, she at least made a personal triumph for herself and demonstrated her capacity for the most exacting roles of the prime donne's repertoire. Her singing was at all times exquisite, and she interpreted the personality of the girl in a consistent, interesting and effective manner. The support cast was good, especially Mr. Cunningham as the Toreador, Mr. Ling as Don Jose, and Anna Lichter as Michela. The chorus sang well, but it is already a notable standby of these productions, and the attention given to costumes and scenery was all that might have been asked.

Columbia—"A First Offense."

The opening of the Columbia stock summer season last night was not only auspicious as an introduction by the enterprising management to Washington devotees to an exceptionally well-fitted and capable company of players, but for the initial performance of the work of a local playwright, Mr. Paul Wilstach, whose trenchant pen and discerning dramatic instinct have made his work a favorite among the critics of the capital.

Seldom do Washington playgoers have such an opportunity to see a company so strong, even to its most insignificant parts, and that they appreciated their good fortune was plainly evident from the conspicuous applause and frequent curtain calls that followed the fall of the curtain on every act.

With a few added touches and careful prunings that only a first night can detect, "A First Offense" deserves to take its place with the other first-night successes that have been registered in Washington managerial racks.

As Homer Lovejoy, Mr. A. S. Lipman gave an excellent impersonation of the gay and dashing spouse; Mr. James O. Barrows as Major Galbyrd, put up a delineation that was fresh and original in its treatment of the old Don Juan; Miss Katherine Gray was sympathetic as Mrs. Lovejoy, while Grace Mae Lamkin appeared with that ease and lightness that have always stamped her work, as Althea Leighter. Geoffrey Stein made a prominent part with a minor role, as Slavin, the servant. The other members of the cast did fairly well.

Academy—"The Golden Giant."

The "Golden Giant," a cleverly told and excellently delineated story of California life and incident, by Clay Greene, is the attraction offered by the Academy Stock Company, and its initial presentation last night was the most gratifying piece of stock work seen here since the inauguration of summer stock combinations.

The play reminds one forcibly of those delicate and vividly natural pen pictures that have made Bret Harte famous, and the players are far above the average. There is much that is refreshing both in the dialogue and scenic arrangement, and the fabric of the story is so deftly interwoven with threads of humor and pathos that the effect is restful and pleasing. Ralph Cummings is strong and manly as Jack Mason, the gambler and outcast. A. H. Stuart is seen to far better advantage than before. Tom Meegan has the proper conception of the keen dispenser of legal advice; while Edmund Day makes a polished and smooth bad man. Jessie Bonstelle is an ingenue of much promise, her work last night showing marked ability and a true grasp of her opportunities which kept the house in a continued smile. Helen Aubrey is finished and sympathetic, while the remainder of the company are all seen with greater satisfaction than last week.

Grand—Buckler and Butler Stock Co.

The Buckler and Butler Stock Company began its summer season at the Grand last night in "Our Boys," Byron's old-time favorite, and from the reception accorded the production, by the large house, its success was a fact long before the final curtain. In the hands of a clever set of people, the comedy cannot fail to please, and the company is a good one, with few exceptions. Frank Bosworth makes a satisfactory Sir Geoffrey. William Stuart, as Talbot Champneys, gives a clever bit of comedy work; William Richardson, as the pompous and self-assertive retired butterman, Perkyn Middlewick, is humorous and natural, while Lawrence Williams avails himself of the telling points as Charles Middlewick, the dreamer and scribbler of verse. Anna Eggleston, as the maid of all work, offers some clever rough soubrette treatment, while Eleanore Newton and Ethel Raynes are both refreshing and refined to a pleasing degree.

X-Ray Bixley met with a flattering reception from his friends and admirers, and Miss Goldie sang and danced with such effect that encores were demanded often.

Lyceum—Fitzsimmons.

The Lyceum last night was packed with the admirers of Lanky Bob Fitzsimmons and his vaudeville artists, and the house was a pandemonium from the time the doughty Cornishman came in the back of house until the curtain was rung down on him in ring attire at the end of the show. Martin Julian did the honors and explained the various blows which the sandy-haired giant illustrated with the aid of Dan Hickey.

The vaudeville end of the show is undeniably the best of its class seen here with fistic stars as drawing attractions and the people are all the best of their kind. "Zero," a mixup of pretty girls, songs and dances, leads off the bill, concluding with an electrical climax that is attractive and unique. The Monroe Sisters are clever parodists and delineators of Bowery types with few equals. Theo has a voice of much depth and sweetness. Harry LeClair, the female impersonator, has some new business, including clever impersonations of Ophelia and Mephisto. The old-time favorites, Topack and Steele, as the Judge and Major, still catch the house, while Madden and Cunan have a budget of Celtic jokes, that never failed to rouse a laugh. Carrie Monroe, a graceful and shapely dancer, put on a number of serpentine and shadow dances, assisted by the female contingent of the company, and the electric and scenic effects were unusually attractive.

The Biograph.

Those who have failed to see an exhibition of the Biograph at Willard Hall have, indeed, missed one of the most interesting entertainments ever given in this city. The S. R. O. sign was out last night long before the performance began, and by the time the exhibition was under way there wasn't even standing room. This popular amusement will close its season in this city a week from next Sunday night, May 30. Never before in the history of amusements in this city has an entertainment reached the record made by the Biograph. The new views added this week are superb, and only subjects in which life and action are the prime characteristics have been selected. The views of the cavalry cannot be excelled. The movements of men and horses are remarkably lifelike, and the views afford a means of seeing a feature of army life that is seldom witnessed by the general public. The pillow fight and other very popular views will be continued on exhibition for the present week. Notwithstanding advertisements to the contrary, the Biograph is not and cannot be on exhibition at any other place than Willard Hall. During the last two weeks of the Biograph in this city exhibitions will be given daily at 2:30, 4:30 and 8:15 p. m., with a special exhibition Sunday evenings at 8:15.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

SPECIAL TO PIANO TEACHERS AND students—Mr. Nathan Gans, pianist and teacher, of New York, will conduct a summer school for the study of the Virgil Clavier method, at Sutro Hall, Baltimore, Md., commencing May 24. Mr. Gans will be in Baltimore on and after the 17th of May for the reception of pupils. All interested in the latest developments in piano study and teaching are invited to call. Circulars at all the leading music stores and piano warerooms. my18,20,22

PROPOSALS.

ENGRAVING ON COPPER—Treasury Department, office of the Superintendent, United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington, D. C., May 12, 1897.—Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 2 o'clock p. m., on the TENTH DAY OF JUNE, 1897, and opened immediately thereafter for engraving on copper (plates to be furnished by this office), charts Nos. 281, 473, 490, 542, 5002, and 5261. Said contract will be awarded in whole or in part if deemed in the interest of the government to do so. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check of $100. All information as to the work can be obtained upon application to the office. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved. Proposals must be inclosed in envelopes, sealed and marked "Proposals for Engraving on Copper," and addressed to W. W. DUFFIELD, Superintendent. my17,18,je1

AUCTION SALES.

DUNCANSON BROS., Auctioneers. SURVIVING TRUSTEE'S SALE OF BAY WINDOW BRICK HOUSE, CONTAINING SEVEN ROOMS, NUMBERED 432 TENTH STREET NORTHEAST.

By virtue of a deed of trust duly recorded in Liber No. 1796, at folio 290 et seq., one of the land records of the District of Columbia, we will sell, in front of the premises, on FRIDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF MAY, A. D. 1897, AT 5 O'CLOCK P. M., the following-described real estate, situate in the city of Washington, D. C., to wit: All that certain piece or parcel of land and premises known as lot sixty-three (63), in Charles A. Shields' subdivision of lots in square nine hundred and thirty-seven (937), as per plat recorded in Liber No. 18, folio 149, of the records of the surveyor's office of the District of Columbia, subject, however, to a right of way over the rear three feet of said lot for alley purposes, together with all and singular the improvements, ways, easements, rights and privileges to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining.

Terms of sale: One-third cash, balance in one and two years at 6 per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually, secured by a deed of trust on the property sold, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. A deposit of $200 required at time of sale. Conveyancing, etc., at purchaser's cost. Terms of sale to be complied with in fifteen days from date of sale, otherwise the trustee reserves the right to resell at the risk and cost of the defaulting purchaser after five days' advertisement of such resale in some newspaper published in Washington, D. C. JOSEPH R. JOHNSON, Surviving Trustee. my12-dads

POSTOFFICE NOTICE.

Should be read daily, as changes may occur at any time.

FOREIGN MAILS for the week ending May 22, 1897, close promptly at this office as follows:

Transatlantic Mails.

TUESDAY—(b) At 9:30 p. m., for Europe, per s. s. "Paris," from New York, via Southampton. Letters for Ireland must be directed "per Paris." (c) At 10:15 p. m., for Europe, per s. s. "Teutonic," from New York, via Queenstown. (c) At 10:45 p. m., for Belgium direct, per s. s. "Friesland," from New York, via Antwerp. Letters must be directed "Per Friesland."

FRIDAY—(b) At 7:30 p. m., for France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Egypt, and British India, per s. s. "La Champagne", from New York, via Havre. Letters for other parts of Europe must be directed "Per La Champagne." (b) At 7:30 p. m., for Europe, per s. s. "Campania", from New York, via Queenstown. Letters for France, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Turkey, Egypt, and British India must be directed "Per Campania." (c) At 10:55 p. m., for Netherlands direct, per s. s. "Maasdam," from New York, via Rotterdam. Letters must be directed "Per Maasdam." (c) At 10:55 p. m. for Genoa, per s. s. "Werra," from New York. Letters must be directed "Per Werra." (c) At 10:55 p. m. for Scotland direct, per s. s. "Ethiopia," from New York via Glasgow. Letters must be directed "Per Ethiopia." (c) At 10:55 p. m. for Norway direct, per s. s. "Hekla," from New York. Letters must be directed "Per Hekla."

Printed matter, etc., German steamers sailing from New York on Tuesdays take printed matter, etc., for Germany and specially addressed printed matter, etc., for other ports of Europe.

The American and White Star steamers sailing on Wednesdays, the German steamers sailing on Thursdays, and the Cunard, French and German steamers sailing on Saturdays, take printed matter, etc., for all countries for which they are advertised to carry mail.

Mails for South and Central America, West Indies, etc.

TUESDAY—(d) At 6:25 a. m., for Barbados direct and north Brazil, via Para and Manaos, per s. s. "Fluminence," from New York. (c) At 10:05 p. m., for Costa Rica, per steamer from New Orleans. (c) At 10:55 p. m., for Nassau, N. P., per s. s. "Antilla," from New York. Letters must be directed "Per Antilla."

WEDNESDAY—(c) At 10:55 p. m., for Port Antonio, per steamer from Philadelphia. (c) At 10:55 p. m., for Bermuda, per s. s. "Orinoco," from New York. (c) At 10:55 p. m., for Brazil and La Plata countries, per s. s. "Coleridge," from New York, via Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio Janeiro. Letters for North Brazil must be directed "Per Coleridge." (c) At 10:55 p. m., for Progresso, per s. s. "Santo Domingo," from New York. Letters for other parts of Mexico must be directed "Per Santo Domingo." (c) At 10:55 p. m., for Central America (except Costa Rica and South Pacific ports), per s. s. "Advance," from New York, via Colon. Letters for Guatemala must be directed "Per Advance." (c) At 10:55 p. m., for Nassau, N. P., and Santiago de Cuba, per s. s. "Vaupecia," from New York.

THURSDAY—(c) At 10:55 p. m. for Fortune Island, Port Au Prince, Jamaica, Savanilla and Carthagena, per s. s. "Alene," from New York. Letters for Costa Rica must be directed "Per Alene."

FRIDAY—(c) At 10:55 p. m. for St. Thomas, St. Croix, Leeward and Windward Islands, per s. s. "Madiana," from New York. Letters for Grenada, Trinidad, and Tobago must be directed "Per Madiana." (c) At 10:55 p. m. for Fortune Island, Jeremie, Jacmel and Aux-Cayes, per s. s. "Alps," from New York. (c) At 10:55 p. m. for Campeche, Chiapas, Tabasco and Yucatan, per s. s. "Seguranca," from New York. Letters for other parts of Mexico must be directed "Per Seguranca." (c) At 10:55 p. m. for Brazil, per s. s. "Dalecarlia," from New York, via Pernambuco and Santos. Letters for North Brazil must be directed "Per Dalecarlia."

SATURDAY—(d) At 12:05 p. m. for St. Pierre-Miquelon, per steamer from North Sydney.

Mails for Newfoundland, by rail to Halifax and thence via steamer, close here daily except Sunday at 12:05 p. m. and on Sunday only at 11:35 a. m. (d)

Mails for Miquelon, by rail to Boston and thence via steamer, close here daily at 3:20 p. m. (a)

Mails for Cuba (except those for Santiago de Cuba, which will be forwarded via New York up to and including the 10:55 p. m., close Wednesday), close here daily at 3 p. m. for forwarding via steamer sailing Monday and Thursday from Port Tampa, Fla. (e)

Mails for Mexico, overland (except those for Campeche, Chiapas, Tabasco and Yucatan, which will be forwarded via New York after the Wednesday overland, close up to and including the 10:55 p. m., close Friday), close here daily at 7:10 a. m. (d)

Transpacific Mails.

Mails for Australia (except those for West Australia, which are forwarded via Europe), New Zealand, Hawaii, Fiji and Samoan Islands, per s. s. "Alameda," from San Francisco, close here daily up to 6:30 p. m., May 22. (d)

Mails for China, Japan and Hawaii, per s. s. "Belgic," from San Francisco, close here daily up to 6:30 p. m., May 23. (d)

Mails for China and Japan, specially addressed only, per s. s. "Empress of Japan," from Vancouver, close here daily up to 6:30 p. m., May 24. (d)

Mails for the Society Islands, per ship "Galilee," from San Francisco, close here daily up to 6:30 p. m., May 25. (d)

Mails for Australia (except West Australia), Hawaii and Fiji Islands (specially address