

The Baltimore American, which is still published, claims the credit of starting the first Presidential boom.

Prof. E. E. Horsford, of Harvard college, has made a fortune out of his famous acid phosphates.

Near the close of the Illinois Legislature a law was passed prohibiting the marriage of first cousins.

Class Spreckels, the sugar king, has been much abused, but he seems disposed to do something for this country by investing means for the manufacture of beet sugar and encouraging the invention of the proper machinery.

The Evangelical Alliance of the United States assembled at Washington Oct. 8. Among the speakers will be Chief Justice Waite, Associate Justice Strong, of the supreme court.

Chauncey Depew, in addressing the physicians of New York the other day, very happily said: "In the older States there are colleges enough. The rich man who founds a new one to perpetuate his name does no good and wastes his money.

Postmasters have been notified that, in accordance with the ruling of Assistant Attorney-General for the Post Office Department, the writing or printing on the face or surface of such packages of anything except the name and address of the sender, preceded by the word "from," and the number and name of the articles enclosed, will subject the entire package to postage at letter rates.

Lieutenant Kinslingbury who met his death in the famous Greely expedition was a Knight of Pythias. Since the inside history of that expedition has become a matter of public discussion the Pythian Knight published at Rochester, N. Y., and beyond doubt the leading paper of the order, has censured General Greely in the severest terms for what journal terms the general's brutality in his treatment of the dead knight.

The United States is the only great government which does not own its cars for the use of its high officials. England owns its carriages and engines. France has many trains, passenger, freight and ambulance, but when the chief magistrate of the United States wishes to take a trip he buys his tickets and engages his own special train from the Pullman Palace Car Company, as hundreds of private citizens do every year, and as is befitting the president of a republic.

A Georgia land owner, who doubts, less is tired of seeing so much in the newspapers about the land trouble of Ireland, comes forward and offers, 100,000 acres as a gift to suffering Irish families—twenty-five acres to each family. The gift would accommodate four thousand families, each on a twenty-five acre farm—a much larger tract than the average Irish holding, and would give to at least 20,000 Irish people enough land of their own on which to make a living, without fear of eviction.

The mint officials say that the demand for minor coins this year has surpassed that of any year within the recollection of the oldest employe. Last year \$301,147 in cents, \$552,876 in nickels and \$1,095,279.50 in dimes were coined at Philadelphia, and yet the mint is now \$70,000 short on orders for small coins, and cannot catch up with the demand. The increased demand for them is doubtless, due to the development of the country, and also to the fact that they are used to an extent never known before, especially in the south and west.

The Interstate Commerce Commission think that their machine will cost \$200,000 next year. That would be a very small sum to pay for making the railroads obey the laws and do justice by all individuals and localities. On the other hand, it is a very large amount to expend in maintaining an empty show or anything of that sort. The view which the American people take of the matter will depend wholly upon the work done by the commission, which thus far has been as satisfactory as could have been expected. Some amendments may possibly be made next winter, but the rest is a whole "has come to stay."

Washington News Items.

Secretary Fairchild approved the recommendation of Collector Brewster's report on the revenue of twenty \$1,400 clerks in the New York custom house. It is said that these clerks have failed in two separate civil service examinations for promotion.

The secretary of interior has reversed the commissioner's decision cancelling the timber culture entry of John Halvorson of the northeast quarter section 19, township 143, range 42, Crookston district. The \$50,000 insurance, \$28,000, secretary believes that where the local land owners give an entryman his entry on the timber culture the land was not of the quality as the law requires. The secretary mentioned should have the land.

The officials at the war department read with surprise a dispatch from San Francisco stating that the grand jury of Arizona had returned an indictment against Gen. Sherman and his lieutenants, and that an effort would be made to bring him back for trial. Gen. Sherman and seventeen of the other officers named in his indictment are still in the Fort Pickens, Fla. While it is true, as one of the officials expressed it, that Gen. Sherman is a white elephant upon the hands of the government, nothing could be further from the purpose of the administration than to deliver him into the custody of the civil authorities.

Congressman Scott's horses have won \$2,100 worth of stakes and purses this season. Jonquin Miller has become reconciled to his daughter Maud, who married against his wishes.

The death is announced of the Rev. David C. Kenyon, of Auburn, an eminent preacher of the Presbyterian church.

Judge Ellett, of Memphis, dropped dead soon after delivering his address of welcome to the president and Mrs. Cleveland.

Robert Garrett of Baltimore, is preparing what promises to be a sensational statement regarding the sale of the Baltimore & Ohio Telegraph.

Miss Isabel Morris, daughter of the Louisiana lottery king, was married recently to Charles West. Her bride price received a check for \$1,000,000 from her father.

The Marquis de Mores arrived in New York from the west recently and departed for Paris where he will stay for some time. His lawyer denied that the marquis was sued for divorce, as stated in some western papers. On the contrary, he said the couple were very happy and affectionate.

The New York Herald says that Rev. Charles A. Berry of Wolverhampton, Eng., who preached last Sunday the 16th inst., in Plymouth church, made a very favorable impression on the congregation and may possibly be Mr. Beecher's successor. Mr. Berry is comparatively a young man, but very earnest and possessed of a great deal of eloquence.

Ransom, the Chicago Banker, who was shot by his step-son may recover. A Nebraska young lady named Williams was murdered for her wealth, and a whole family is under arrest.

Rev. Thomas P. Ryan, a Methodist minister, was murdered and robbed at his home in Walton, W. Va.

Harry Taylor and wife, who were supposed to have been murdered by colored Masons, of Mississippi, are both alive.

Anarchist Parsons writes Governor Oglesby reiterating his declaration that he will not accept a commutation of sentence.

The J. C. Baird & Co. bank, at St. Charles, Ill., which failed recently, \$10,000, recently. The safe was blown to pieces with dynamite.

At New York, the trial of the ex-policeman, Edward Hahn, for the killing of Lieutenant Capt. John H. Fussen, concluded, and the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

The body of Christian Henne was found in a shallow well on a farm ten miles from Waukegan, Wis., supposed to have been murdered by Wm. Sandstrom, a nephew, who was arrested.

Harry Grabhorn, who murdered his wife at Dillon, Mont., on July 19, was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced by Judge McLeary to the penitentiary for life at hard labor.

A jury in the United States district court at St. Paul returned a verdict of guilty in the case of a man who was convicted of a murder two years ago, and had a trial, the jury disagreeing. The evidence was purely circumstantial.

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L. J. Hancock's well-to-do farmer residing about seven miles east of Redfield, Dak., lost a barn and a large amount of property by fire.

During the voyage of the schooner A. McMeir, a row from Boston to Machias, Me., Capt. Abbey and two sailors, Melvin Olson and Elbridge Foster, were lost over board.

A Pittsburgh, Adams & Co.'s glasswork plant, a row of tenements, two brick dwellings, three small stables, and a portion of Jackson's livery stables were burned, cost, \$50,000; insurance, \$28,000.

Serious prairie fires are raging in all portions of the province of Manitoba. Canadian Pacific trains east and south have been delayed. In the vicinity of Dominion City, near St. Vincent, a number of farmers have lost their all. All the buildings on the large Burritt farm were burned and stacks destroyed. Many narrow escapes are reported.

Miscellaneous News Notes. Trinity church, New York, is to pay \$1,000,000 for a site for a \$5,000,000 cathedral.

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THE PUBLIC LANDS.

Synopsis of the Annual Report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

In opening his report, Sparks says: The policy which I have endeavored, in proceedings, to carry out, of reforming the laws for the protection of the domain settler, the prevention of fraud, the suppression of land monopoly, the recovery of public lands illegally seized or donated, and the preservation of the public domain for actual habitation by the people of the country, has been steadily maintained during the last year and has met with the approval of all honest and law-abiding citizens.

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DAKOTA NEWS ITEMS.

Col. C. B. P. Moore, chief commissary of the department of Dakota, just ordered to Port Leavenworth, Kan., as chief commissary of the department of the Missouri, has served in the department of Dakota since October 1882.

The Dakota delegation, nearly two hundred strong, were among the earliest callers on the President.

The fine country residence of Theodor David, of the territorial board of agriculture, six miles north of Mitchell, burned to the ground. All the clothing, furniture and everything else of value in the house was destroyed. Total loss \$10,000.

At Sioux Falls, a young man named Melvin Davis, fell from the roof of the Cascade grain elevator, a distance of fifty feet, and was killed.

The Aberdeen Evening Republican has begun publication. It is a Democratic daily.

Three heavily laden passenger trains came into Mitchell bearing excursionists from the East to look over Dakota.

At Landon, Francis E. Bowman district attorney of Morton county, died after a lingering illness, aged 28 years. He was an able lawyer, an odd fellow, and had been noble grand.

I. T. McIntyre of Grand Junction, Iowa, chief engineer of the proposed railroad from Sioux City to Marshall, Minn., died at Canton, of typhoid fever.

There was held at Fargo the Cass county local option convention with representatives from all parts of the county. About sixty persons were present. Plans were adopted by which it is proposed to carry prohibition this fall. The application for local option was left to the chairman of the executive committee, Rev. R. A. Beard.

The administration has finally interested itself in the opening of the Sioux reservation. Col. Bannister, special agent of the Indian department, arrived at Pierre, to look into the urgency of opening the reservation, and on his report hinges the result. He seems to think that the Sioux reservation must be cut down.

During the Ashton fair four gentlemanly strangers registered at the Ackley house. Their business was in the fancy line—such as balloons, etc., sold on the fair grounds. A few days ago they were seen at the fair, and they were seen, with a large hotel bill unpaid. The following day Landlord Hollenbeck received a letter from the Commercial Hotel of Faulkton, inquiring for overcoats which had been loaned to these gentlemen and which were to be left at the Ackley house.

Complaints of a failure to receive payers for wheat shipments by private buyers and shippers were heard by the railroad commissioners at Carington and Sykeston, and at Cooperstown. Mr. Griggs, of the commission says the former cases have good grounds, and that in every instance the commission will do all possible to straighten matters out.

At Sioux Falls, a genuine baron-knuckle slugging scrap, Queensbury rules, took place in the basement of the Daily Press office between C. H. Craig and W. T. Belrood, printers employed on the Press. The fight was a rough one, but Belrood, who is much the smaller man, was knocked out in the third round.

In the case of James A. Pringle, involving the southwest quarter section 21, township 153, range 66, Devils Lake district, the secretary of interior holds that a mortgage of land must be notified of a decision holding an entry for cancellation and allowed a hearing to prove the good faith of the mortgagor in complying with the law if the former asks for it.

The failure of A. Pollock & Co., at Omaha carried down their branch house at Huron.

At Fargo, a gambler named Sutter and Mrs. John Haas were arrested, charged with resorting to rooms for purposes of prostitution. They were held under \$800 bonds. Mrs. Haas was formerly a resident of Winona, and was a sporting woman known as "Maud S."

The largest month's record was in August, and the largest week of any seven days was from Aug. 13 inclusive, 32.5 miles being laid. The largest individual day's record was that of August 11, when 42,300 feet were laid between daybreak and dark, the end of the track being 325.6 miles from Minot in the morning, and 333.8 miles from Minot at night. The second greatest day's record was on June 16, when 38,000 feet were laid, from 24.7 miles west of Minot to 24.9. Both of these records were made by the Central Pacific's biggest day's work, which (95 miles) has hitherto stood as the accepted marvel of last tracklaying.

The building of the Manitoba extension from Minot to Great Falls by Shephard, Winston & Co., stands without a parallel in the history of railroad construction, both in the magnitude of the work as a whole and in the record of tracklaying on particular days.

E. L. Dudley, receiver of the Central Iowa Railroad company filed in the United States circuit court his report for the month of June and August last. On June 1 he had \$22,735.35 on hand. He received in June \$11,265.65, and disbursed \$1,627.93. In July he received \$119,628.02, and disbursed \$125,490.00. On August he received \$144,848.74 and paid out \$146,166.77, leaving a cash balance on hand Aug. 31 of \$24,503.04.

The local authorities of New York have issued a public notice that there is no danger whatever to the city from the patients brought on the steamer Alecia. There have been no new cases developed on Hoffmann island since the night of Oct. 7, and the Alecia's passengers are in an exceptionally sanitary condition.

The American ship Occidental has arrived from Acapulco, Mexico. She sailed from Cardiff on the 23d inst. for Acapulco. On March 10, Capt. J. Williams had some words with John Johnson, a passenger, about an order that was destroyed and Johnson claimed him to the heart, causing instant death.

Tea-Drinking.

Whether tea-drinking is injurious or not—and on that point, as on many others, the doctors disagree—the annual consumption of the herb is on the increase. In the face of its established popularity, it may furnish interest for an idle half hour, to go back in thought, as a correspondent of All the Year Round has done, to the time when it was a rare article of commerce, and inquire how it then stood in the public estimation.

The beverage was known in London as early as 1615, and, some forty-five years later, that invincible social historian, Pepys, chronicles having sent for a cup of it, characterizing it as "a China drink, whereof I have never before drunk."

A popular London coffee-house publisher about the time of the advertisement of the "China drink," thus setting forth its good qualities in terms that would hardly be as strongly accepted to-day.

"It maketh the body active and lusty. It helpeth the headache, giddiness and heaviness thereof. It vanquisheth the memory, and strengtheth the memory. And, of the excellence and virtue of the leaf and drink is evident, by the high esteem and use of it (of late years) by the physicians and knowing men in France, Italy, Holland, and other parts of Christendom; and in England both hath been sold in the leaf for six pence, and sometimes for ten pence, the pound weight."

As early as 1690, tea was sold in almost every London street, and among those who could afford it its use steadily increased.

Doctor Johnson, an inveterate tea-drinker, while acknowledging the truth of the accusation that tea is an incentive to gossip, does not, however, as a stimulant, declare that it is merely "a pretence for assembling."

The beverage has retained its popularity through many denunciations. I have been condemned on hygienic, moral and economical grounds, but has appeared to be too deeply rooted in popular favor to be dislodged or supplanted.—Youth's Companion.

A Surgeon's Saw Run by Electricity.

A large number of foreign delegates to the International Medical Convention, which is to meet in Washington, have of course taken in the medical schools and the hospitals, where the learned professors are allowed to experiment on the injured for the benefit of their classes. I have heard several of them express their admiration of an instrument with an unpronounceable name made by Dr. Milton Josiah Roberts for the purpose of curing amputations. Dr. Roberts uses cocaine as an anesthetic and electricity runs his instrument. The saw with which bones are severed runs with such rapidity as to be invisible in operation; and the amputation of a man's leg by this ingenious device occupies about five seconds. Dr. Roberts is to exhibit and illustrate the operation of this compact little instrument before some of the sections of the convention at Washington. I have seen it in operation, and without any scientific knowledge of the subject, I could readily see how the rapidity and precision and neatness of its work would afford relief to the unfortunate patient. During the operation of the saw, the patient has an hour in amputating a man's leg, whereas it can now be done in less time than it takes to place the patient under the influence of ether or cocaine. Foreign surgeons who have paid little or no attention to the improvement of surgical instruments will find a great surprise in store for them when Dr. Roberts explains the working and capabilities of his machine. I don't know what he calls it.

The Origin of Mrs. Grundy.

Some years ago the expression, "What will Mrs. Grundy say?" was constantly in people's mouths. The phrase was originally taken from Tom Morton's comedy, "Speed the Plow." The play opens with a view of a farm house, where Farmer Ashfield is seen sitting at a table, enjoying his ale, and holding the following colloquy with his wife: Ashfield—Well, dame, welcome home. What news does thee bring from market? Dame—What news? What I always told you—that Farmer Grundy's wheat brought 5 shillings a quarter more than our did. Ashfield—All the better for thee. Dame—And I assure you, Dame Grundy's butter was quite the crack of the market. Ashfield—Be quiet, will ye. Always ding-ding Dame Grundy into my ears. "What will Mrs. Grundy say?" The meaning of the term "Mrs. Grundy," "under the rose," is "in strict confidence." Cupid gave Harpocrates (the god of silence) a rose to bribe him not to betray the amours of Venus. The rose thus sculptured on the ceilings of banquet rooms to remind the guests that the conversation was not to be repeated; and do you know, the rose was placed over these walls.

Von Moltke at the Head of His Regiment.

The London Times correspondent at Stettin, speaking of the recent review there, says: "The troops marched past twice in different formations, and though this part of the show lasted nearly two hours, the Emperor stood upright most of the time in his carriage, which he occupied alone, using no other support than what was afforded by a walking-stick. It was a proud moment for his Majesty when his grandson, Prince William, led past in his infantry regiment, but louder still was the cheering when the twelve companies of the Colberg Grenadiers came tramping past like living walls, the proudest regiment on the field, for their head is no less a personage than Count von Moltke himself, and no one would think, to see the Field Marshal pacing along, so easy and erect in the saddle, that he is the only colonel three years younger than the Emperor himself—physically almost a greater miracle still. The Emperor beckons the great strategist to approach, and extends his hand in silent gratitude and admiration to him alone of all the command-moers to the man who has done most to beget the Emperor's momentous battles."—Germany's Army.