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YELLOW FEVER at Shreveport is not only extending its ravages rapidly, but it is unusually malignant and fatal. As stated in our dispatches this morning, persons have been stricken dead with it in the streets, and while many patients linger, according to one one account, none get well. Shreveport, most of our readers know, is a town of some commercial importance, containing perhaps five or six thousand people, in Northwestern Louisiana, some three hundred miles by a direct line from Baton Rouge. The opinion is expressed in a Little Rock dispatch that the removal of the "Red River Raft" has something to do with this yellow fever visitation. The "Raft" which commences about thirty miles above Shreveport and extends up the river sixty or seventy miles and spreads out to a width of twenty to thirty miles, is an immense collection or trees and driftwood. Being an obstruction to navigation, several attempts have been made to break up the "Raft" and remove it. It was partially removed some forty years ago by the Government at an expense of $300,000, but has formed again. Gen. BANKS tried to clear a passage in his operations in that region during the war, but unsuccessfully. Another attempt is in progress now, by private parties we believe. The Yellow Fever poison being distinctly the product of decaying vegetable matter, it looks plausible that the disturbance of the great mass of decayed vegetable mould in this drift has bred the fever that is now ravaging Shreveport. If it comes from this orgin, it will be likely to afflict people living along the river for a considerable distance.

THE GRAPHIC BUBBLE.—The Graphic Balloon—if we may be pardoned a slight indulgence in slang—has "gone up," but not in the way contemplated by its projectors. The event proved that the envelope, made of one thickness of cotton duck, was not strong enough to resist the prodigious pressure of the great volume of gas it was designed to hold, and it burst before the inflation was completed. The opinion was very freely expressed beforehand among intelligent outsiders that the cloth was too frail for the work required of it. The event verified the opinion; and the project of a transatlantic flight, with that balloon at least, is at an end. The matter will, however, hardly be allowed to rest here. So great a public interest has been excited, that we believe the aeronauts will feel prompted to make another trial, this time with a silk gas bag, if they can raise money enough to provide it; and this same popular anxiety to see the experiment tried will be sufficient, we believe, to provide funds, if the gentlemen who furnished means for this enterprise should not do so. The public will feel very much disappointed and will hardly be satisfied without another trial.

The Wretched Sidewalks Near the Post Office.

To the Editors of the Intelligencer:

The good work should go on, of improving the miserable sidewalk on the east side of Market street, between 14th and 15th, which was begun by laying the new pavement at the corner of 14th. It is questionable if there ever was on so public a street as this, such a wretched walk as that, not a single lot having a really good pavement in front, nearly every one being in holes, in many places no bricks cover the ground, and the rough uneven surface makes it really painful to walk over. Our Street Commissioner could not spend an hour more profitably than in giving notice to the property holders there to at once repair and put in proper order this most important thoroughfare of our city. A careful inspection of all our sidewalks by the proper officer would conduce much to the comfort of pedestrians and perhaps save many a sprained ankle or malediction during the coming winter. Will he see to it?

PEDESTRIAN.

Weather Report.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SIGNAL OFFICER.
WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 12.—8:00 P. M.

PROBABILITIES.

For New England the pressure will diminish, with fresh brisk southerly to westerly winds, cloudy weather and rain, but followed by clearing weather over the southern portion during the afternoon and evening, and over northern at night.

For the Middle States, fresh and brisk southerly to westerly winds, cloudy weather and rain throughout the former, veering to west and north on Saturday, with clearing weather and falling temperature.

For the South Atlantic and Gulf States east of the Mississippi, light and fresh winds and clear or partly cloudy weather.

For Tennesee and the Ohio Valley, cloudy weather and rain to-night, winds veering to fresh, brisk northerly on Saturday morning, with clearing weather and falling temperature.

For the lower lake region, cloudy weather, rain and winds veering to brisk and high northwesterly to-night, with clearing weather and lower temperature on Saturday.

For Missouri and Iowa to northern Indiana and the upper lakes, brisk northerly winds, low temperature and clear or partly cloudy weather on Saturday, with a frost.

Cautionary signals are ordered for Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, Erie, Buffalo, Rochester and Oswego.

The Clark County (Ind.,) Disturbances.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 12.—Three of the parties recently warned by the Vigilance Committee of Clark county left Charlestown yesterday for the west. Gov. Hendricks has taken measures to suppress the disturbance in Clark county.

Old Defenders' Day at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 12.—To-day being the anniversary of the battle of North Point, was observed as a general holiday. The Old Defenders passed the day at Brown's Pavilion and the militia paraded.

BY TELEGRAPH.

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT

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The Yellow Fever at Shreveport.

A Terrible Scourge--Men Drop Dead in the Streets--None Get Well.

The Removal of Red River Raft Connected With the Epidemic.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 12.—A dispatch from Shreveport to-day to Mess, Nast and Hodgeson says: "The city is in great need of help, for the yellow fever is of a malignant type and does not yield readily to the treatment. There is a great scarcity of people to attend the sick.

[Signed.] "L. R. SIMMONS,"
"*President of the Howard Association.*"

A dispatch from W. A. Lhommeden Marshall, Texas Superintendent of telegraph, to Superintendent Flannery of this city says: "Everything is in great confusion at Shreveport. There were thirty deaths there yesterday, and the fever is reported worse to-day."

The *Picayune* has the following:

We have been permitted to copy the following letter from Shreveport:

"SHREVEPORT, Sept. 7, 1873.

"*Dear Jack:*—We are now passing through an awful scourge. The yellow fever has come, and like some awful black pall, thrown its folds about us, spreading fright, terror and death among us. The town is nearly depopulated by the stampede and sickness. There have been, as near as I can ascertain, up to date, about six ty deaths, and a great number are sick. There is one awful characteristic about the disease, and that is, no one has recovered. Some are what they call doing well, while others die. One day you hear of a case doing as well as could be expected, and the next thing a corpse is awaiting a hearse.

In point of malignant fatality it surpasses any yellow fever known here. It appears if the fell monster ever gets its pestilent fangs fastened on its victim it never lets go its fatal grip until the poor victim is stiff and stark dead. A few cases at first dropped dead on the streets before reaching a house. These cases, however, have been rare None of our particular friends have yet died. The only ones in danger now are the Misses Jordans, both of whom are very low. We have organized a Howard Association and they are doing a great deal of good.

The following are all the dead that I know up to the present time: Mr. Beal, the carpenter and his wife, Caspelle, the druggist, Mr. Mundy, of the firm of Mundy & Collens, Jim Anderson, Hank Smith, two of Mr. Griswolds children and Mr. Craig, besides many strangers. The following are very sick: Col. Cummings, Dr. Kendall, Burd Ogelive, Judge Lerney, two Misses Jordan, Mr. Alexander the lawyer, G. J. Alexander the tailor and Billy Marshall." Of the fever the writer of the letter says that it differs from any yellow fever he ever read of or saw. He continues "I will move away. One of the attendant inconveniences of the fever is a thorough embargo on the cars. They will let no one go. The town in the way of business is dead."

"P. S.—MONDAY, Sept. 8."

"There are a great many new cases reported this morning. Mr. Joe Howell is dead. Yours, CHARLES."

LITTLE ROCK, Sept. 12.—Several parties who left Shreveport yesterday, arrived here this evening. They report the yellow fever on the increase. Every stage leaving that city for this is crowded with terror-stricken people.

The son of Mr. Brooks, proprietor of the Southern Hotel, who arrived here yesterday *enroute* to St. Louis, received a telegram this evening announcing the death of his father from yellow fever.

It is thought the removal of the Red river raft has considerable to do with the epidemic.

SHREVEPORT, Sept. 12.—Up to 4 P. M., to day there were eighteen deaths from yellow fever. It is on the increase. Whole families are down with it and the nurses worn out.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—President Orton, of the Western Union Telegraph Company, has been informed that the office at Shreveport is closed, all the operators being sick with yellow fever.

NOVEL EXCITEMENT AT LEAVENWORTH.

Railroad Rivalry Run Mad--Frightful Slaughter of Passenger Rates--Competition the Life of Trade.

LEAVENWORTH, Ks., Sept. 12.—A tremendous excitement prevailed here today caused by the cutting of the railroad fare to the quaker Convention at Indianapolis. The first cut was by the Kansas City, St. Joe & Council Bluffs Railroad selling tickets via the North Missouri road for $25, round trip; Hannibal & St. Joe then dropped to $20, and the Missouri Pacific reduced to $15. As these tickets were good for sixty days, the various offices were thronged with purchasers, either for speculation or use to the St. Louis fair and the Chicago exposition. In the afternoon the competition became stronger, the Hannibal & St. Joe taking part and the fare to Chicago via St. Louis was reduced to $8 50, which was again lowered to $7 50. The offices to-night are densely packed with purchasers, and the rates are now, St. Louis $6, Chicago $8 50, Louisville $12 50, Cincinnati $14 50. Everybody seems to be bent on going to one or the other of the expositions now open or to be opened in the cities named.

—Two salt blocks, with 3,500 barrels of salt at East Saginaw, Mich., the property of Heskin, Martin & Wheeler, of Chicao, burned Friday. Loss $15,000. Insured for $10,000.

—The wreck of the Atlantic sold yesterday for $4,000.

THE GRAPHIC BALLOON.

The Bubble Burst.

The Balloon Bursts in Process of Inflation.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—An immense crowd visited the Capitoline Grounds, Brooklyn, this afternoon to witness the departure of the big balloon for Europe. The process of inflation commenced at an early hour this morning and continued steadily until 4:10 P. M., when the balloon suddenly swayed to the North, ripped half way around with a great tearing sound, and fell flat upon the ground, the immense volume of gas which had been pumped into it, nearly 400,000 feet, escaped at the same moment, nearly suffocating those who stood on the inside. Inspector Folke, Mr. Goodsell, and Police Commissioner Briggs had but an instant before shifted their positions to the eastward, and thus escaped being buried in the netting and canvass. The crowd made a general rush over the ropes, with the intention of tearing the canvass into small pieces and carrying them off as momentoes, but the strong force of police on the grounds charged and drove them back. Mr. Stoner who had contracted to fill the balloon said that it would be all folly to attempt another inflation as the bag was not made of the proper material, so the enterprise is abandoned for the present.

The Recent Nova Scotia Storm.

SOME FURTHER DETAILS OF ITS DISASTROUS EFFECTS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—A gentleman who arrived in this city to-day, direct from Labrador, gives the following information about the effects of the recent storm on that coast:

At Indian Tickle, six persons were killed by falling buildings. There were six square-rigged vessels in and off this harbor, all of which were lost, with their crews. The fishermen lost all their cod liver oil, of which they had accumulated a large and rich quantity. Of all losses except that of life, none will be felt more severely than this loss of life onl and. As far as could be ascertained there was 23 women, 14 men and many children. The number of lives lost in skiffs and in boats near shore, could not be calculated. Disconsolate women were rushing in all directions on the morning, after the gale, seeking news of their husbands, fathers, or brothers. Their cries were heart-rending, and nearly all of them were left without food, shelter, or change of clothing. The few huts in low grounds which had outlived the storm, were actually packed with men women and children seeking shelter from the cold and pelting rain which prevailed on the morning after the gale. The inhabitants lost most of their provisions, and should the vessels which will be sent to the relief of these unfortunate creatures, who are deprived of shelter, food, and clothing on the coast, which at this time is proverbially dreary and inhospitable, be delayed through a stress of weather or other accidents, a terrible famine must be the next affliction to befall the now grieviously afflicted fishermen and women in that ruin-stricken region.

Maryland Republican Convention.

FREDERICK, MD., Sept. 12.—The Republican State Convention met in this city to-day. Gen. Denison, President of the State Central Committee, called the meeting to order, and John T. Enser was elected temporary chairman.

A Committee on Credentials and Permanent Organization was appointed, consisting one delegate from each county and legislative district of the city of Baltimore. Also, a Committee on Resolutions. After which the Convention took a recess till 2 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 2 o'clock. The Committee on credentials submitted their report recommending John T. Enser for President of the Convention and a number of Vice Presidents and secretaries, which was adopted. A series of resolutions were unanimously adopted, reaffirming the attachment of the Republicans of Maryland to the principles of the Republican party, and heartily endorsing the administration of President Grant; demanding from the Legislature such action as it may lawfully take to effect the equal taxation of all property of all corporations and persons; favoring good and efficient free schools, and expressing the hope that the recent events and prejudices of the past may be buried and an era of good feeling inaugurated.

Henry H. Goldsborough, of Talbot county, was nominated for Comptroller on the first ballot, and John H. Price, of Harford, was nominated for Clerk of the Court of Appeals. The Convention adjourned *sine die.*

The Accident on the C., R. I. & P. Railroad.

ST. JOSEPH, Sept. 12.—The particulars of the accident on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad, near Plattsburg, yesterday morning, are as follows: The engineer ran over a large steer, and the engine, baggage car and one passenger coach were thrown into a ditch and completely wrecked. The engineer, J. McCreath, stood to his post and was scalded to death. The fireman was scalded and otherwise injured, but not seriously. Of the passengers, Mrs. Margaret Evans, of Louisville, injured internally; Mrs. W. Griswold, wife of the conductor of the Des Moines Valley Railroad, seriously injured and concussion of brain probable; J. B. Ayres, St. Louis, severely bruised and injured internally; W. S. Jones, Manhattan, Kansas, badly injured on the head and severe bodily bruises.

A man named James Schmitz fell headforemost from the roof of Koenet's brewery, on main street, to-day, alighting on the brick sidewalk. His head was completely scalped, left arm broken and ankle badly sprained.

Horrible Treatment of a Whaler's Crew.

BOSTON, Sept. 12.—Some of the crew of the whaler Ansel Gibbs, of New Bedford, before reported wrecked in the Arctic Ocean and brought to New Bedford in the whaling schooner Abbie Bradford, have reached Boston, and tell a horrible story of suffering and torture by the officers of the Ansel Gibbs. They say that, owing to neglect to provide suitable provisions, the crew were attacked with scurvy. They were terribly beaten by the captain and first mate, and after the vessel was wrecked ten men died of scurvy and those foremost in protesting against their ill treatment were left on an island, the captain of the Abbie Bradford refusing them passage.

CHICAGO.

Increase in Freights by Northwestern Companies.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—It is now positively stated that the Milwaukee, St. Paul & Chicago, and Northwestern railroad companies have decided to make a material increase in freight rates, on and after the 15th inst. This is supposed to be intended as an offset to the decrease of rates in Illinois. The people of Wisconsin are highly incensed at this action, and in retaliation it is threatened that the price of railroad licenses will be raised from 3 to 5 or 6 per cent. A pro rata railroad law will be obtained from the Legislature at its next session.

THE HARPER REVENUE DEFALCATION.

The *Inter-Ocean* this morning published an interview with Gen. B. J. Sweet, deputy commissioner of Internal Revenue and D. W. Munn, Supervisior of Internal Revenue for Illinois, who have been investigating the recent defalcation of collector Harper, of the 8th district, and who are now in this city to look into Harper's alleged grain speculations. It appears from the investigation that there are implicated in Harper's fraud his deputy, Sweet, and three distillers, David T. Thompson, Henry Pines and John L. Smith, representing the Pekin Distillery Company, and John McIntyre, a Peoria distiller. It appears that in the fall of '71 the bonds of these Pekin distillers to the Government mysteriously disappeared and could not be found. It is now believed by the officials who are conducting the examination that the bonds, amounting to $300,000, were stolen by Harper and his deputy, Sweet, to facilitate the frauds that were then or about to be committed on the Government by the distillers. Their bonds having disappeared and their bondsmen apparently secured now did not hesitate at a collusion with Harper, and when the latter, to cover his deficiency alleged that the Pekin distillers were in arrears, they admitted the truth of his statements and the correctness of a transcript of the amounts said to be owing by them, which was given the examining officer by Harper. In the meantime, however, Colonel Bridges, of this city, Western Agent of the Internal Revenue Bureau, who was investigating the loss of the missing bonds, found a list of the bondsmen's names, which had not been destroyed, and commenced suit against them, which is just now pending. A prominent firm of lawyers at Springfield, Ills., are severely blamed by the Government officials for their course in the matter, as it is said they had knowledge of Harper's defalcation some weeks ago. It is known that Harper was largely engaged in grain speculations here, and the officials above named are here to investigate them.

TRANSPORTATION.

Session of the Senate Committee in New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The Senate Committee on Transportation resumed its session to-day. Senator Windom occupied the chair. A delegation was present to represent the canal interests of the State.

A. W. Taylor volunteered a statement, demonstrating the feasibility of increasing the capacity of the present canal locks, without lengthening the side walls, by an improved style of gate.

Horace Day read a paper relative to the Niagara Ship Canal, and submitted a plan of his scheme for passing ships around the falls by means of a perpendicular elevator.

The members of the State Joint Committee who were present said that they would like to know how much time the Senatorial Committee could devote to the investigation of the State and suggested that the committee start from Albany, go up Lake Champlain to Montreal, thence to Ogdenburg, Oswego and Buffalo. The whole time will occupy about six days.

The route was not definitely fixed. It was decided, however, that the Senatorial Committee would meet the State Committee at Albany next Monday.

Israel S. Hatch, of Buffalo, read a brief paper with regard to the enlargement of the Eri Canal. The paper also proposed a plan for the payment of the debt of the Erie Canal.

THE COMMITTEE INVITED TO VISIT BURLINGTON.

BURLINGTON, Sept. 12.—Mayor Dodge and a committee of seven of the leading citizens, leave this city to-night to meet Senator Windom's Committee on Transportation in New York, and invite them to visit this city and examine the subject of a ship canal connection with St. Lawrence.

REGATTA.

Rowing Match at Saratogo.

SARATOGA, Sept. 12.—This was another magnificent day for racing. The attendance was large and the racing passed off successfully.

The first race was for junior scull shells, single, two miles for a prize of a gold badge. It was rowed by Keator, of Harlem; Graves, of Beaverwick; Girwin, of Beaverwick; Yates, of Grand Haven, and Sweeney, of Cincinnati. The race was handsomely taken by Keator in 16 min. 20 sec.; Graves, second; Girwin, third, and Yates, fourth.

The second race was two miles, for double scull shells. The Lambe brothers, of the Argonaut club of Toronto, and Wilson and Hills, of the Beaverwick of Albany, started. The race was taken by the Lambe brothers in 14 minutes and 35 seconds; the Beaverwick's time being 14 minutes and 50 seconds.

The third race was for four-oared shells, the prize being the grand challenge cup and four goblets, distance three miles. Six boats started, viz: Pa Pe Barque, of Cincinnati; Duquesne, of Allegheny City; Argonauts, of Bergin Point, N. J.; Beaverwick, of Albany; Ballston, of Ballston, N. Y., and Potomic, of Georgetown, D. C. At the start a foul occurred between the Potomac crew and the Beaverwicks, which put them both back several lengths. The race was pretty sharp, but was taken by the Duquesne crew in 20 minutes and 55 seconds; Argonauts second, Beaverwicks third, Pa Pe Barque fourth and Ballston fifth.

This evening the town hall was crowded to witness the presentation of prizes. Each winner was received with prolonged applause as he stepped forward to receive the prize. The very best of feeling prevailed, and everything passed harmoniously.

Oregon Republican Convention.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—The Oregon Republican State Convention at Albany, adjourned with a stormy session. Herdin Smith of Linn county, was nominated to Congress. Resolutions were adopted expressing confidence in Senator J. H. Mitchell. The party is divided and an exciting campaign is expected.

Assassinators of Gen. E. S. McCook, at Yankton.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The following despatch was received at the White House this morning;

YANKTON, DAKOTA, Sept. 12.

U. S. Grant, President United States.

Edwin S. McCook was assassinated at a public meeting last night by P. P. Wentermul, a banker of this place.

[Signed] JOHN A. BURBANK.
Governor.

YANKTON, D. T., Sept. 12.—Last night an altercation occurred between Gen. E. S. McCook, Secretary of Dakota, and P. P. Wentermul, a banker of this city, in the billiard parlor at the St. Charles Hotel, during which, Wentermul used insulting language, which was promptly resented by the General, who gave Wentermul a threshing. The General then went to his room. Wentermul, while washing the blood from his face, remarked to the bystanders that McCook could whip him, but that he (Wentermul) would shoot, and immediately went five blocks, got a pistol, and returned to the railroad meeting, which was in session in the Hotel. At the time Wentermul entered the assembly, McCook, unawares of his presence, also entered the room, when Wentermul raised, and approaching, fired his pistol, the shot taking effect in the left breast. The General grappled the assassin, and the second shot was fired, when Wentermul was thrown to the floor. During the struggle two more shots were fired, one of which proved fatal. The General lingered till 7 o'clock this morning when he expired, he was fully conscious to the last and died like a brave man. Wentermul is under arrest. The city is shrouded in a gloom, and flags flying at half mast. At one time it was feared that Wentermul would be lynched, but cooler counsel prevailed. The body is dressed in the uniform of the General which he wore during the war, and the coffin is draped in the U. S. flag. A large concourse of citizens will escort the body to the depot, from whence it will be forwarded by a special train to his friends in the East, accompanied by Gov. Burbank and other distinguished gentlemen.

SIOUX CITY, IOWA, Sept. 12.—Gen. E. S. McCook received a pistol shot through the breast last night at Yankton, by P. P. Wentermul, and died this morning at seven o'clock. McCook attempted to enter the court room, where a railroad meeting was being held, and was met at the door by Wentermul, who, after some high words, drew a pistol and shot McCook, the ball entering near the left shoulder, severing an artery. The latter then seized Wentermul, who fired two more shots, without effect. In the struggle both fell to the floor and were separated by friends.

McCook was carried to his room at the St. Charles Hotel, bleeding profusely. A consultation of physicians pronounced the wound fatal. Still preserving consciousness, he gradually sank until the hour mentioned.

But little is known of the origin of the difficulty, though it is generally supposed to be a long standing feud in regard to so some railroad bonds voted by Yankton county.

Wentermul is now in custody. Considerable excitement exists, and some threats of summary vengeance have been made

The Cincinnati Exposition.

CINCINNATI, Sept 12.—The attendance at the Exposition for the first eight days, closing yesterday was 96,000, being 19,000 more than for the corresponding first eight days last year. As a display every body pronounces it immensely in advance of its predecessors, while in respect to quantity and value, especially the latter, it is without parallel in the history of the Cincinnati Expositions. There are sixteen departments, and scarcely one of them has ever been equalled in this country. In the music pavillion three concerts are given daily by the best bands in the city, who have rehearsed for months for the occasion.

The Government signal service has an office in the building, where reports are received and printed daily.

The stove display is wonderful, far surpassing any thing of the kind here in extent, variety, or value.

Power Hall has 273 machines moving; of which 140 are propelled by steam; others by hand. In addition to these are 75 bulky machines lying idle, making in all 348 machines.

The Department of Natural History is very full. The Floral Hall was never surpassed in the perfection, variety and rarity of plants exhibited.

The Art Hall contains three hundred oil paintings, four hundred engravings one hundred water colors and drawings, three hundred and sixty articles of household art, twenty-five architectual drawings, twenty-one large photographic views of the Yosemite Valley, besides a great number of photographs, and oil paintings representing French, Flemish, German and English Schools; water colors representing German, Italian and English schools. Two Turner pictures are in the collection, both water colors. An installment of nine pictures from Dusseldorf, sent especially for this Exposition, arrived this week and were put on the walls.

The attendance from abroad is especially large this week.

New Freight Rates Agreed on at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 12.—The Committee appointed by the Convention of General Freight Agents yesterday, submitted the following basis for the government of the future advancement of rates in Eastern bound fourth-class freights to New York, which was adopted: Cleveland, O., 35c; Dayton, O., 43c; Cincinnati, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Ind., and Logansport, 45c; Columbus, O., 40c; Toledo, 37c; Chicago, Terre Haute, Ind., and Lafayette, Ind., 50c; Decatur, Ills., Hannibal, Mo., Bloomington, Ills., Peoria, Quincy, Rock Island, Ills., Burlington, Iowa, St. Louis, and Davenport, 60c; East St. Louis, 57c; Des Moines, Iowa, 70c; Kansas City, Mo., 75c; Louisville, Ky., 52c; Pekin, Ills., and Vincennes, Ind., 55c.

American Pomological Exhibition.

BOSTON, Sept. 12.—The American Pomological Exhibition closed to-night with a grand complimentary banquet, given the members of the Pomological Society by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, at Music Hall. The exhibition has proved a great success. The Nebraska fruits, which have attracted marked attention, have been awarded the first premium, and are being distributed up, to be taken by the delegates from Maine, New Hampshire, New York and New Jersey, for exhibition in their respective States.

Titusville Petroleum Market.

TITUSVILLE, PA., Sept. 12.—The petroleum market is firm and quiet; $1 40 for Titusville delivery; $1 35a1 40 for Oil City delivery.

NEW YORK CITY.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The coroners jury in the inquest over the body of Margaret Hamil found in the room occupied by James Merrigan and wife after the fire, returned a verdict that Miss Hamil was strangled by Mrs. Merrigan.

John D. Irving, who confesses complicity in the Nathan murder, has been indicted for burglary.

The grand jury have found fifteen additional indictments against James W. Johnson, and fourteen against James G. Gates, for participation in the recent bond forgeries.

The jury in the case of William Bumsted and Benj. F. Welsh, members of the Board of Works of Jersey city, charged with corruption in office, after an absence of twenty-four hours returned a verdict of guilty.

The Search for the Polaris.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—A dispatch from St. Johns says grave doubts are entertained for the safety of the missing crew of the Polaris. Nearly three months have elapsed since they left the camp of the Esquemaux, who had wintered with Buddington's party, counted by moons, so that the exact time of Buddington's departure is not known. It is believed to be the middle of June. No records were found indicating the intention of the party except a memorandum written in pencil in May 1873, stating that Chester, the mate, had finished making oars from the bulwarks of the Polaris, and had made a good job of it. The Esquemaux were very reticent, they wished to be taken to Pond bay, whence they came. It was clearly a mistake to leave them behind. Joe, the interpreter could not talk their dialect, but when questioned at Godhaven, Joe did not get time to converse with them. The instruments are supposed to have been broken by the Esquemaux. When the Tigress returned to Godhaven she was ordered to prosecute the search in the track of the whalers westward and northward. It is not known when the Tigress will return. She had 30 days coal August 31st. The whaling ship Hector is daily expected from Cumberland sound, and may have welcome tidings. The Juniata is coaling and sails north in the morning. She will have considerable difficulty owing to the lateness of the season. The whalers all return about the middle of September.

PITTSBURGH.

Fire at the Citizens' Oil Refinery.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 12.—A destructive fire occurred at the Citizens' Oil Refinery yesterday afternoon. Their principal buildings with 500 barrels of oil were destroyed. The fire was caused by an explosion of gas from a still. Six brick layers who were at work were seriously injured. The loss was about $6,000, covered by insurance.

THE ALLEGHENY GAS WORKS.

The report of the appraisers for the purchase of the Allegheny Gas Works was presented to a meeting of the council last night. The award is shown to be $623,-238, with interest from May. A Special Committee on the subject recommends the purchase, with a resolution that the Finance Committee report an ordinance, authorizing the issue of bonds to pay for the works. The resolution was adopted, and also one continuing the Special Committee to act with the gas company until the property is transferred.

ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.

The Executive Committee of the Army of the Cumberland Association, which meets in this city September 17th and 18th, held a meeting this evening and completed arrangements for the Reunion, which promises to be the largest yet held by the society. Official notification was received that reduced rates would be given to all parties over Eastern and Western railroads.

ST. LOUIS.

Assault on an Editor.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 12.—Between five and six o'clock this evening John Lady, a real estate agent and street money broker, assaulted Major George W. Gilson, city editor of the *Globe*, on the corner of 3d and Olive streets. Gilson struck Lady several severe blows over the head and shoulders with a cane, when the latter was taken away by his friends. Subsequently Lady went into a saloon and took an extra heavy bar tumbler from the counter, and wrapped it in his handkerchief like a slung shot, and sallied out on the street again, making dire threats against Gilson, and still later procured a pistol and threatened to shoot him, when a policeman took him to the calaboose. The affair grew out of a paragraph Gilson published in the *Globe* three weeks ago, charging Lady with disreputable conduct on the street.

Daring Bank Robbery at Jackson, Mich.

JACKSON, MICH., Sept. 12.—One of the most daring robberies on record was perpetrated on the People's National Bank, of this city, between nine and ten o'clock this morning. While the President of the bank was engaged in writing at his desk, and the Cashier was out on business, a package containing three thousand dollars in bills was abstracted from the safe. Access was gained to the safe by means of a side door in the bank building. Lying beside the stolen package were two other packages of bills, one containing $15,000, and the other $5,000. The robbery is supposed to have been committed by experts who are on their way to attend the State Fair at Grand Rapids.

Bishop Simpson Declares for Woman Suffrage.

SOUTH BEND, IND., Sept. 12.—At the M. E. Conference, now in session here, while the subject of schools was under discussion, to-day, the venerable Bishop Simpson said: "Pardon the digression. I want the day to come when women will will vote. Without their vote I fear we will never be able to put down the houses of infamy and liquor saloons of our country. Nothing is so ruinous to our country. It is true, and it is my opinion that we can't get along without women voting. It is not good for man to be alone.

Texas Press Excursion.

SHERMAN, TEXAS, Sept. 12.—The Texas Press Association finished their labors last night, and a large audience assembled at the hall to hear the closing address. The organization was a complete success. The next annual meeting will be at Dallas. Hon. A. B. Norton was selected to deliver the annual address and George A. Cutler, of the Dennison *Journal*, and Miss Fannie Sayer, of Dallas, the annual poems. The excursion party left this morning. They will be received by the city of Dennison, then visit Sedalia and Chicago, and return to St. Louis. The party consists of fifty editors and several ladies.

The Canada Railway Investigation.

OTTAWA, Sept. 12.—The Royal Committee met at noon. Hon. M. Chapis was the first witness called; his evidence was given in French. Huntington's charges were read; witness denied all knowledge of any negotiations, understandings or bargains mentioned; he said the Government never disposed of the Pacific charter in May; mentioned Sir John Cartier had from first to last been energetically opposed to the introduction of an American element in any Canadian company.

Mr. Stavers stated that the total amount subscribed to the election fund was $66,-377.

F. W. Cumberland was called, and being sworn, testified: Was managing Director of the Northern railroad; knew nothing of an arrangment between Sir Allan and McMullen; knew of no negotiations respecting the Pacific Railroad except those having in view the amalgamation of the two Canadian companies; was a director of the Inter Oceanic Co.; is now a director of the Canadian Pacific Railroad; efforts have been made to amalgamate the Inter-Oceanic with the Canadian Pacific Co.; these efforts emanated with the Dominion Government; had a conversation with Hon. Mr. Campbell in October '72; Campbell manifested a strong desire to bring about an amalgamation; the objection of the Inter-Oceanic to amalgamation was the want of sufficient guarantee that the Americans would be excluded; Campbell said the Government would give the most satisfactory guarantee that the Americans would be excluded; the causes which prevented amalgamation were principally personal differences between Sir Hugh Allan and McPherson; witness also had interview with Sir McDonald, during which Sir John urged amalgamation, stating that the Government was unanimous in excluding Americans and would give ample guarantees to that effect. Witness understood Sir John was always opposed to Americans having any control of the Pacific railway or the formation of the Inter-Oceanic Company, based upon the idea of using only Canadian and British capital. Witness afterwards was appointed a director in the Canada Pacific Company. In conversation with Sir John, the latter asked him, would he, in the case of amalgamation failing, give him, Sir John, the names of reliable men in Ontario, who would help him to form a new company. The witness did so. Several members of the Inter-Ocean Company afterwards joined the Canada Pacific Company after the failure of the attempts to amalgamate.

D. McInnis was then called and testified that he was a merchant; he knew nothing of the negotiations between Sir Hugh Allen and the Americans in the fall of 1871. Sir Hugh Allen asked the witness to become a director in his Company.

Sir Hugh then remarked that he intended to interest the American capitalists in the railway enterprise. Did not understand that any agreements with the Americans had been made. Knew nothing further respecting Huntington's charges. Knew money was subscribed in Ontario for general election purposes; did not know any money came from Quebec. In reply to Sir John, witness said he received an appointment in the board of the present chartered company by cable, when he was in England, from Sir John.

Several other witnesses were examined, and the Commission adjourned.

The Pork Packers Convention.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—The following resolutions adopted by the Pork Packers Convention yesterday were accidentally left out of the report of the proceedings sent hence last night:

Resolved, That all packers shall report the number of hogs they have cut at the close of each month, commencing with December, giving the number cut in November, and so on from month to month, and the whole through the year; also all shipments of products in like manner in detail, giving number of barrels and tierces of pork, hams and shoulders, lard and boxes, and pounds of bulk meats; and from March 1st to November 1st, all the packers and storers of provisions shall give monthly statements of the stock on hand. All the reports to be sent to the Secretary of the Convention promptly, the first of each month, to enable him to publish the totals from each packing point by and on the 6th of each month. The Secretary is strictly prohibited from giving any information, either directly or indirectly, except through the medium of the press, and he shall so arrange all of such reports so that they may appear in all the papers of Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Louisville, Indianapolis and Milwaukee on the morning of the same day, so that all may get the news as near the same date as practicable. All reports are to be kept from year to year for future reference and comparison. The following additional resolution was subsequently unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the action of the Convention with reference to the subject of statistics, it was not the intention of the Convention in any manner to discourage members of the trade from furnishing information to Col. Sidney D. Maxwell, of the Chamber of Commerce, or other statisticans who have been in the habit of collecting statistics concerning the pork trade, it being the desire of this Convention that as much light shall be thrown from time to time upon the extent and progress of the trade as circumstances will allow.

A heavy rain storm to-day necessitated the postponement of the Lake excursion of the packers till to-morrow.

The American Evangelical Alliance.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Among the distinguished guests of the American Evangelical Alliance is Rev. R. P. Smith, dean of Canterbury who is the bearer of a letter from the Arch Bishop of Canterbury to the Alliance expressing the writers hope that this general conference may promote unity in all forms of the christian belief. The Dean says there is a general feeling among the members of the church of England that the dividing line which seperated the established church from other christian denominations should be less marked, and having the object in view he accepted the invitations of the American Alliance.

River News.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 12.—River six feet eight inches and falling. Weather warm and cloudy.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 12.—The river continues to recede with two feet in the channel. The weather is clear and pleasant.

—Joseph A. Rice, of New Orleans, a man of some talent and prominence in Lousiana politics, jumped from the window of a New York Hotel on Thursday night, while temporarily insane, and killed himself.

FOREIGN.

International Law Conference at Ghent.

GHENT, Sept. 12.—A conference of European and American Juris Consults, which has been in session in this city during the week, has organized as a permanent Institute of International Law. Three subjects have been discussed, viz: International arbitration, the three rules of the Washington treaty and the codification and the adaption by the treaty of the regulations relative to private property in time of war. The Conference appointed a committee to draw up and issue a manifesto, and adjourned to meet in Geneva next year.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—This was the fourth and last day of the Doncaster September meeting. The great race of the day was for the Doncaster cup, valued at 300 sovreigns. Savill's br. c. Uhlan was winner; b. f. Lilian, belonging to the same gentleman second; and R. N. Batts' ch. c. Thorn, third. There were five started. The last betting was 3 to 1 against Uhlan, 3 to 1 against Lilian and 3 to 4 against Thorn.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—It appears that Earl Granville has told the representative of Spain that the British Government insists on the liberation of the officers and crew captured on board the steam yacht Deerhound.

The municipality of London propose to give a dinner of honor to Morton, President of the Erie railway, on his arival in this city.

Muristarch, the newly appionted Turkish minister to Washington, sails on the 20th inst., for New York.

SPAIN.

MADRID, Sept. 12.—The intransignent troops made a sortie from Carthagena yesterday, but were unsuccessful in their efforts to pierce the line of the beslegmg force, and returned to this city.

BAYONNE, Sept. 12.—Cannon and other ammunition of war for the Carlists were