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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

News from Everywhere.

EXTENSIVE preparations are making for the reception of the American Bishops at Rome.

THE annual report of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company shows net earnings of \$2,518,589.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR received the Corcan Embassy on the 18th at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York.

THE monument erected by the State of Kentucky to General Zachary Taylor was dedicated on the 20th.

THE sixtieth session of the Illinois Annual Conference of the M. E. Church began at Danville on the 19th.

HENRY L. PIERCE declines to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Massachusetts.

THE Diamond Match Company has issued a circular making a fifty per cent. reduction in wholesale price of matches.

CONGRATULATORY telegrams were exchanged on the 21st by officials and commercial bodies of the United States and Brazil.

THE Maryland Democratic State Convention, which met at Baltimore on the 19th, nominated Robert M. McLean for Governor.

THE French have suffered another check in Tonquin, the "Yellow Flags," their allies, being disastrously repulsed near Hai Phong.

HON. WM. FAXON, Assistant Secretary of the Navy under Gideon Wells, died suddenly of heart disease on the 19th at Hartford, Conn.

By direction of the President Cadet Arthur L. Beebe, fourth-class United States Military Academy, has been dismissed for hazing.

THE failures throughout the United States and Canada for the week ending the 21st numbered 188, compared with 173 for the previous week.

GOVERNOR PATTISON has vetoed the concurrent resolution of the Pennsylvania Legislature stopping the pay of members after September 10.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR is the guest of Seth Barton French at Newport, R. I., who gave a grand dinner in his honor on the evening of the 20th.

THE International Northern Telegraph Company filed its certificate of incorporation in New York on the 19th. The capital stock is \$5,000,000.

SECRETARY TELLER has ruled that a settler under the Oregon donation act of 1850 does not forfeit his right to land by failure to file notice under the act of 1853.

THE press of Melbourne, Australia, express dissatisfaction with Lord Derby's dispatch condemning the proposed annexation of the South Pacific Islands to Australia.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL GRESHAM proposes to visit all the principal post-offices, learn their needs and the needs of the service generally and write his own report to Congress.

THE Chinese Viceroy at Canton, appreciating the fact that the American Consul maintained a conciliatory attitude, has assured him that a prompt arrangement of American claims would be made.

LAWRENCE BRAINERD, A. O. Brainerd and Chas. Wyman, Directors of the St. Albans (Vt.) Trust Company were indicted on the 21st by the Grand Jury for violation of the penal clause of the charter.

THE National Association of General Baggage Agents in session at Chicago passed an unconditional resolution of condemnation on the existing system of checking baggage at hotels and residences.

SECRETARY FOLGER holds that under the Civil Service law when names are certified to him from which to fill vacant offices he is bound to give preference to any honorably discharged sailor or soldier whose name may be on the list.

THE requisitions upon the Post-office Department by postmasters for new two-cent stamps are so large that the contractors are unable to supply the demand and the Department consequently is reducing amounts called for in requisitions.

FRENCH operations in Tonquin are suspended until the arrival of reinforcements. The blockade is confined to searching vessels for articles contraband of war. The French government has withdrawn its order to English builders for river gunboats.

THE Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department has received from Boston one of the five-dollar notes of the Irish Republic, previously reported in circulation here. It is said by the treasury experts to be a fair imitation of the United States treasury notes.

INFORMATION from Guaymas, Mexico, is to the effect that they have fever there every year, but this season the physicians said it was yellow fever, and the people, becoming scared, lay down and died like sheep, so that there is no longer any business doing, except in coffins.

CADET JOHN V. HAMILTON, of the Fourth class of the Military Academy, has been dismissed the service for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. Cadet Thomas L. Kerrin, same class, has been suspended with loss of pay until July 1, 1884, for violation of the rules of the Military Academy.

SECRETARY CHANDLER, Secretary Lincoln and Commodore English had a consultation on the 17th for the purpose of discussing the question of attempting a relief expedition for the Greeley party this fall. After the conference Secretary Chandler sent word to Dr. Bessels, the well-known Arctic explorer, that he would like to confer with him on the subject.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

RECENT advices from Calcutta were to the effect that the French outrages in Madagascar were far worse than at first reported.

THE New York Republican Convention, held at Richfield Springs on the 19th, nominated General Jos. B. Carr for Secretary of State by a unanimous vote.

MRS. EDWIN ADAMS, widow of the famous actor, is at Long Branch dying of paralysis.

THERE were two new cases of yellow fever at the Pensacola Navy Yard on the 19th.

THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY sailors left Brest on the 19th for Toulon, whence they were to embark for service in the French fleet in Tonquin.

VIENNA dispatches of the 19th say that while the troubles in Croatia were decreasing, the agitation was spreading to Dalmatia.

THE National Association of ex-Prisoners of War began its tenth annual session at Cleveland, O., on the 19th. The attendance was large.

THE Republicans of Massachusetts nominated George D. Robinson for Governor and Oliver Ames for Lieutenant-Governor on the 19th.

THE Maine Greenbackers endorse the Chicago platform and declare their opposition to fusion with either Republicans or Democrats.

THE will of the late Nathaniel Thayer, of Boston, Mass., disposes of property valued at \$10,000,000, most of which goes to relatives and friends.

THE Fairlawn mine breaker at Scranton, Pa., was burned by an incendiary fire on the 19th. Loss, \$50,000. Five hundred men and boys were thrown out of employment.

CADET JAMES R. TUGGLE, of Kentucky, has been dismissed from the Naval Academy for hazing.

THE Austrian army maneuvers closed on the 19th. The Emperor, King Alfonso, Prince Milan and the Duke of Edinburgh were present.

THE reunion of the United States Military Telegraph Corps indulged in a banquet at Chicago on the 19th.

TWENTY-THREE States and the District of Columbia were represented at the Louisville Educational Convention.

TANCRES DIVISION, Columbus, Kas., Knights of Pythias, won the first prize in the competitive drill at the Louisville Exposition on the 19th, Springfield (O.) Division the second prize. Commander J. H. Abbott won the prize of a gold jewel for best Commander. In the band contest the prize for best band was won by Big Six Band, Springfield, O.

THE Milwaukee Board of Supervisors forgot that some bonds were falling due and now they have to take the money saved up for a Court-house to pay them.

THE wife of Adam Fischer, who died suddenly September 8, near Cincinnati, has been arrested charged with poisoning him.

EDWARD McMAHON has been selected by Parnell to contest the election for member of Parliament from Sligo.

T. T. FORTUNE and Fred Douglass are the prominent candidates for chairman of the Louisville colored convention.

THE Kentucky conference of the M. E. Church, South, adopted resolutions opposing Sunday trains to camp-meetings.

AT the close of the military maneuvers at Merzburg Emperor William addressed the troops, stating it was probably the last time he would review the Fourth Army Corps.

TAX COLLECTOR T. J. BRITTON, of Hall County, Alabama, is reported a defaulter for \$17,000.

IN Mazatlan, Mexico, four thousand people had been stricken down with yellow fever. Refugees from Guaymas were reported dying in the interior.

THE tannery of G. N. Bur & Co., near Elmira, N. Y., burned on the 20th. Loss \$50,000.

THE witnesses in the O'Donnell case arrived at Funchal, Madeira, on the 20th.

SIXTEEN cases of fever were under treatment at Pensacola Navy Yard, on the 20th.

THE St. Petersburg police are to be reinforced by a regiment of infantry.

THE relations of Germany and Turkey have recently become very cordial.

THE furniture factory of Nelson Lyons, Albany, N. Y., burned on the 20th. Loss, \$75,000.

THE Italian bark Fratelli Gaggino, bound for Darien, and an unknown vessel collided on the 20th. Both foundered and sank.

ADDITIONAL reports of wrecks in the storm on the banks of Newfoundland continue to come in.

A BOILER explosion at the Sligo Iron Works, Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 20th caused the probable fatal injury of fifteen men.

THE French proposals on the Tonquin question were not received with favor at Pekin.

THE U. S. steamer Yantic left St. Johns, N. F., on the 20th for New York.

By an explosion of fire-damp in a mine near Unna, Westphalia, on the 20th, fifteen miners were killed.

OWING to contiguous forest fires the village of Bar Harbor, Me., was threatened with destruction, and on the 20th three hundred men were vigorously fighting the flames.

A CONFERENCE of railway managers west of the Missouri assembled in San Francisco, Cal., on the 20th.

J. L. CARGILL'S elevator at Portland, D. T., containing 30,000 bushels of wheat, was destroyed by fire the morning of the 20th. A heavy shower at the time saved the town. Loss \$40,000 to \$50,000; building insured.

THE Canadian hop crop presents a discouraging aspect, and will fall considerably short of last season.

NAVAL CADET C. E. HAWKINS was dismissed from the Academy on the 20th for hazing.

THE window-glass workers of Pittsburgh, Pa., inaugurated a strike against a reduction of wages on the 20th.

A PHILADELPHIA & READING coal train was wrecked near Royer's Ford, Pa., on the 21st.

O'DONNELL is becoming disgusted because no steps have been taken to provide for his defense.

FURTHER disturbances were reported near Agram, Hungary, on the 20th. The soldiers killed ten rioters.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

State Temperance Convention.
The following platform and resolutions were adopted by the State Temperance Union at its late session in Topeka:

1. That the temperance people of the State of Kansas, in Convention assembled, trusting in God for the rectitude of our intentions, declare as the sense of this meeting:

2. That the effect of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is drunkenness, and is a public and private wrong, injurious alike to the State and the individual, and that the people of this State are in duty bound to resist its progress and to aid to rid the people of this curse by the duty of every philanthropist to aid in its removal.

3. That the State has no moral or legal right to license any wrong, but should enact only such laws as will promote what is right, and prohibit what is wrong.

4. That the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is in principle, and it is the duty of all good citizens to enforce and aid to encourage the vigorous enforcement of all laws of the State enacted for this purpose.

5. That the will of the people, expressed in the Constitution and laws, is the sovereign and supreme power of the State, to which all citizens owe unconditional obedience. To refuse to obey the laws of the State is a failure of and a treason to the State, and should receive the condemnation of all good citizens.

6. That we are not only in favor of the enforcement of the Prohibition law as against the liquor traffic, but we favor an active and energetic campaign for the purpose of inducing men, by appeals to their higher nature, to cease drinking. In other words, we are in favor of prohibition for the liquor seller and moral suasion for the liquor drinker.

7. That we are opposed to, and protest against, any attempt by the Legislature to strike prohibition from the Constitution, by submitting an amendment for the purpose of the repeal or the emasulation of the law already enacted for the enforcement of the same.

8. That the issue before us in this State is, "Shall the will of a majority of the people in our Constitution in the Prohibition amendment and in the law to enforce the same be carried into effect, or shall the will of the minority prevail in repealing the Constitution and law?" We declare our belief that under a constitutional government nothing can be more hurtful than the tyranny of a law-defying minority, and our immovable purpose to resist to the uttermost in their operations, and we call the attention of the people to the fact that the act, as made in the last Legislature to secure such amendments were opposed and defeated by a solid vote.

9. That we express our severe condemnation of officers, jurors and witnesses who violate the law to shield criminals, and our hearty approval of the course of those who preserve their personal and official integrity by the discharge of their sworn duty under the law.

10. That the theory of high license, though since repealed, is a most unjust and impracticable; that it is mainly used as a subterfuge on the part of the minority to defeat the will of the majority, and in the interest of the saloon, and it is especially objectionable because it discriminates in favor of the rich against the poor.

11. That the efficient labors of the President of the Union, the Rev. A. B. Campbell, and especially in the city of Topeka, have our hearty approval and thanks, and we pledge him our individual support and co-operation in the future, in all legitimate means necessary to the enforcement of the laws of the State.

12. That as the saloons of the State are protected by some corrupt City Governments, it will be the duty of the next Legislature to change the laws relating to the form of City Governments, so as to provide by special statute for a summary removal of all officials who defy the Constitution and laws, without waiting for the slow process of the common law.

13. That the thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby extended to W. V. Bennett for his efficient and gratuitous labors in the interest of the cause advocated by the State Temperance Union.

14. That this Convention does hereby heartily thank James A. Troutman for his efficient and arduous labors as Secretary of this Union.

Miscellaneous.
DR. J. H. OYSTER, of Paola, announces that it is his intention to publish a complete Flora of Kansas just as soon as the botanical survey of the State can be completed. He wishes to include nothing without its identity has been determined beyond a doubt. He will give the general distribution, and therefore will have to depend upon the co-operation of the botanists in the different parts of the State to a great extent. He desires a list of every species in each county, and would be glad to have persons interested in botany send him specimens, say from three to six of each variety, where found, the time of flowering etc. Dr. Oyster also desires the names and postoffice address of all botanists in the State.

THE charter for the Beverly Mining Company, Dodge City, was lately filed with the Secretary of State.

REV. JOHN BUTLER, colored, of Wyandotte, on Sunday, the 16th, went into his pulpit (the Baptist) in usual health, took for his text, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord," and when speaking in an excited manner, just as he closed a sentence with the words, "dispatched to Heaven quickly," he suddenly ceased speaking, leaned forward on the pulpit and expired in an instant.

THE State Fish Commissioner says there is no State in the Union that has as many miles of streams habitable for fish within its borders as Kansas.

THE Commissioners of Ellis County have decided to tax the telegraph wires running through that county at \$25 per mile.

THE fifteen-year-old son of Mr. Pennington, living near Salem, was killed by a runaway team recently. He was riding on a load of hay, when the horses became frightened and he fell between the horses and the wagon and was dragged and crushed in such a manner that he died in about fifteen minutes after he was found.

MCPHERSON has just built water-works for protection against fire, at a cost of \$9,000.

JOHN KENNEDY was recently fatally injured in attempting to board a moving train at Argentine.

A DINING room girl in Leavenworth, named Clark, employed at the Planters Hotel, recently took laudanum, but not enough to kill her, and by the assistance of those around her was promptly resuscitated.

C. C. WHEELER, General Manager of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, has resigned.

HEAVY rains in the Neosho Valley.

THE other night burglars entered Colonel C. K. Holliday's residence at Topeka. He was aroused by their noise, got out of bed and struck a light. One of the thieves was discovered in the kitchen, hid behind the stove, and when the Colonel made a rush for him he fired, the ball missing Holliday by about four inches and lodging in the door casing. Two negroes were arrested, one of whom had been employed by Colonel Holliday since last February.

COLONEL CURCHILL, of St. Louis, was recently in Topeka trying to discover traces of his daughter Mary, who left home in August. He was unsuccessful.

THE Democratic Convention of Leavenworth County nominated Colonel Thomas M. Light for Sheriff.

COURTED HIS FATE.

An Illinois Shootist Goes Out to Shoot and Comes Home Shot—An Old Fued Settled.

CAIRO, ILL., Sept. 21. A gentleman from New Burnside, on the line of the Wabash road fifty miles north of here, gives the particulars of a savage affray which took place there yesterday. A hard character named Frank Smith having a grudge against a couple of young men named Howerton, concluded to get even, and, to screw his courage to the proper degree, he became partly intoxicated. Mounting his horse he sought the brothers, who were engaged in threshing near the village, announcing his approach by firing off his pistol. After reloading, when in good range, he directed his shots at the young men. They naturally, in self-defense, opened fire on the enemy, which resulted in Smith's receiving bullet holes through the crown, brim and outside, one ball, which caused his death, entering the left breast, about four inches below the nipple, ranging downward. His horse was instantly killed. He lingered until to-day, when died, his sufferings. Previous to his demise he expressed a wish to be baptized, and in the absence of anything else a new wagon was improvised, filled with water and when the man's last wish gratified. The Howertons disappeared after the affray, but will no doubt surrender, as the shooting was clearly a case of self-defense. An old feud is said to have existed between the parties, in which it appears that Smith was the original aggressor.

A BIG BLAZE.

Destruction of the Hannibal & St. Jo Railroad Shops at Hannibal by Fire—Three Locomotives and Several Freight Cars Included in the Loss.

HANNIBAL, MO., Sept. 21. At 3:30 this morning the city was awakened by the blowing of whistles, clang of bells and the cry the Hannibal & St. Jo shops were on fire. The citizens turned out en masse and discovered the shops to be one sheet of flames. The fire department arrived promptly on the scene and began throwing streams of water upon the burning mass, but finding it impossible to save the machine shops they turned their attention to the other buildings and worked with such a will that only the machine and blacksmith shops were burned. This building stood between the car and carpenter shop and the round-house, and both of these buildings were saved. The machine and blacksmith shops were totally destroyed, with their contents, including tools, machinery, material and three locomotive engines that were undergoing repairs. One of these was completed and would have left the shops to-day. The fire on the east communicated with three freight cars, valued altogether at \$30,000, and burned these and their contents. The roof was burned from the engine house, but the engine itself was uninjured. The car building was also badly scorched, but otherwise not damaged. The loss will fall heavily on the laboring men, nearly 2,000 of whom are thrown out of employment, and whose tools, which were very valuable, were burned. The total loss is estimated to be for \$40,000 to \$50,000, but it is believed to be covered by insurance.

The fire originated in the eastern part of the machine shop, and was first discovered by some section hands who were sleeping in a construction car near this building. The men have been working from fifteen to eighteen hours a day in the shops, and had been working in this room until 10:30 p. m.; but there had been no fire in the room all day, except that connected with the riveting machine, nor is any smoking allowed on the premises. The watchman says he passed through the building at two o'clock, and at that time saw no signs of fire.

A STATE-PRISON SENSATION.

A Hundred Convicts in the Connecticut State Prison Suffering the Pangs of Poison—Corned Mutton the Supposed Cause—No Fatal Consequences.

HARTFORD, CONN., Sept. 21. Thursday afternoon, between three and four o'clock, one of the inmates of the Connecticut State Prison, at work in the shoe shop, complained to the overseer of being sick at the stomach, and he was immediately sent to the hospital steward for treatment. Barely had he reached the steward's quarters when another convict, who was deathly pale also complained of illness, and he likewise was referred to the steward for treatment. Within a short time the number of applicants from the convicts began to increase rapidly, causing alarm and apprehension among the prison officials. All the men showed unmistakable symptoms of poisoning. They were affected with griping pains in the abdomen and stomach, dryness of the mouth, a parching thirst, frequent vomiting and severe retching. Within an hour of the time that the first complaint was made twenty-five convicts were being treated for poisoning. The number of the ranks of the sick were frequent and rapid, and at six o'clock one hundred convicts were stricken. Dr. Warren, the prison physician, was kept busy administering opium and antipodes, and it was 10:30 p. m. before all the afflicted had recovered. Medical treatment in some cases and the antipode had an immediate effect, while other cases were stubborn and refused to yield. The majority of the convicts were kept in their cells, but four of them were so bad that their removal to the hospital was necessary. After administering to the wants of the men, Warden Sergeant and his subordinates began to look for the cause of the trouble. They examined the food that had been served to the men at dinner, and concluded the poison emanated from the corned mutton which constituted the meat ration of the convicts that day. It was purchased of the marketman who regularly supplies the prison, and was considered unusually fine. The prison officials never buy barreled corned meat but purchase sufficient to supply the requirements of each day. In addition to the corned mutton the only rations served the men on Thursday were bread, eggs and water. The women prisoners were supplied with the same rations, but did not partake of them, preferring to save it for the evening meal, so that they could have it cold. It was, however, taken from them and they were not allowed to eat it. Warden Sergeant to-day visited the dealer from whom the meat had been purchased, and learned that he carried all of his own meat in the same galvanized iron tanks. From these tanks large quantities of meat had been sold, but no complaint was made except that which came from the prison. Dr. Warren, the prison physician, believes the symptoms were those of zinc or copper poison, and may have come from the brine. The condition of the men to-day is much improved, and many of them have been able to return to the shop, though some are still confined to their cells.

Secretary Teller's Admission.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21. Secretary Teller has admitted that he has promoted several department messengers to the grade of \$900 clerkships—a grade embraced in the classified civil service as laid down in the rules and regulations promulgated by the President. The Secretary defends himself by saying he thinks he had a right to make the promotions, because he does not regard the rules relating to competitive examinations as applicable to messengers appointed prior to July 16, when the civil-service law took effect. The Civil-Service Commission takes issue on this point with the Secretary, and the matter will be laid before the President.

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